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Issued In Morgan—
The Bluegrass County
of The Mountains

MORGAN COUNTY BURLEY TOTAL IS UP TO \$1,065,283

1954 Leaf Crop May
Bring In More Than
Tobacco Crop In '53

Morgan county's cash income from burley reached \$1,065,283.33 at mid-week, some \$326,000 more than for the same period last year.

By Wednesday night a total of 1,329 checks had cleared through the Commercial Bank here for a total of \$1,065,283.33. At the same time last year 1,064 checks had cleared for \$739,290.15.

Last year when 1342 checks had cleared on Dec. 18, the total was \$940,020.00. Thus, even with 13 more checks recorded last year, the total was \$125,263.33 less than this year's total to Wednesday night.

Observers now are predicting Morgan's income this year from burley will go above 2 1/2 million dollars, and may reach an all-time record.

Last year's total income was \$2,139,000.

Last week's sales average in Kentucky was \$51.22, down 66c from opening week and off \$3.03 from the same period last year. The market average dropped further this week as selling progressed. Nearly every market was operating at capacity. Wednesday's sales showed the market's receipts ahead of the entire pre-Christmas sales last year, with four more days to go before the holidays this year.

Bidding was about as strong as last week, but the quality of offerings was inferior. A heavy volume of good quality burley moved over the breaks, but again there was an increase in low quality consignments with the bidders moving through more baskets graded wet, unsound and botched.

The pool on Wednesday took an estimated 40 percent of offerings at Lexington. Predominant poolings included fair and low tan lugs, good and fair tan flyings and fine to fair tan and good and fair reddish-tan leaf.

Buyers continued their coolness to the heavier-bodied Bluegrass burley, but bid strong on mountain-grown leaf. Mountain burley remained in strong demand, as it has since the season opened, and good price averages were paid for the medium grades.

Morgan county crops were continuing to sell for the most part above the state-wide average. Among them were these crops—

Walter Barker and Bruce Oney, Caney, 1782 lbs., \$59.01.

Sterling Linton, L. J. Couch, Hazel Green, 1678 lbs., \$61.52.

W. E. Jones, Silver Hill, 2482 lbs., \$58.15.

Van B. Hill, Relief, 4364 lbs., \$61.10.

Arnett Cantrell, Jephtha, 1814 lbs., \$60.02.

W. T. Peyton and Recie Perkins, Stacy Fork, 2234 lbs., \$65.33.

Ernest Whitt, Wrigley, 2072 lbs., \$59.71.

W. G. Ratliff and Billy Ratliff, West Liberty, 5556 lbs., \$57.63.

Carl Stewart and Charlie Lykins, Malone, 2456 lbs., \$63.11.

Bob Nickell, Daysboro, 4690 lbs., \$59.00.

Bob Nickell and Raymond Gevedon, Daysboro, 1892 lbs., \$62.39.

J. M. and Ernest McKenzie, City, 2882 lbs., \$60.38.

Freelin Keeton, Dehart, 1586 lbs., \$60.81.

H. G. Easterling and Eugene Easterling, Malone, 1330 lbs., \$59.01.

Lacy Conley, Zag, 2472 lbs., \$63.34.

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In Ol' Morgan

WHERE'S THE \$23,928?

(Rowan County News)

The Sandy Hook robbers got 20 years each. The maximum sentence could have been only 25 years so it is assumed the jury and judge had no doubt but that the accused men were guilty.

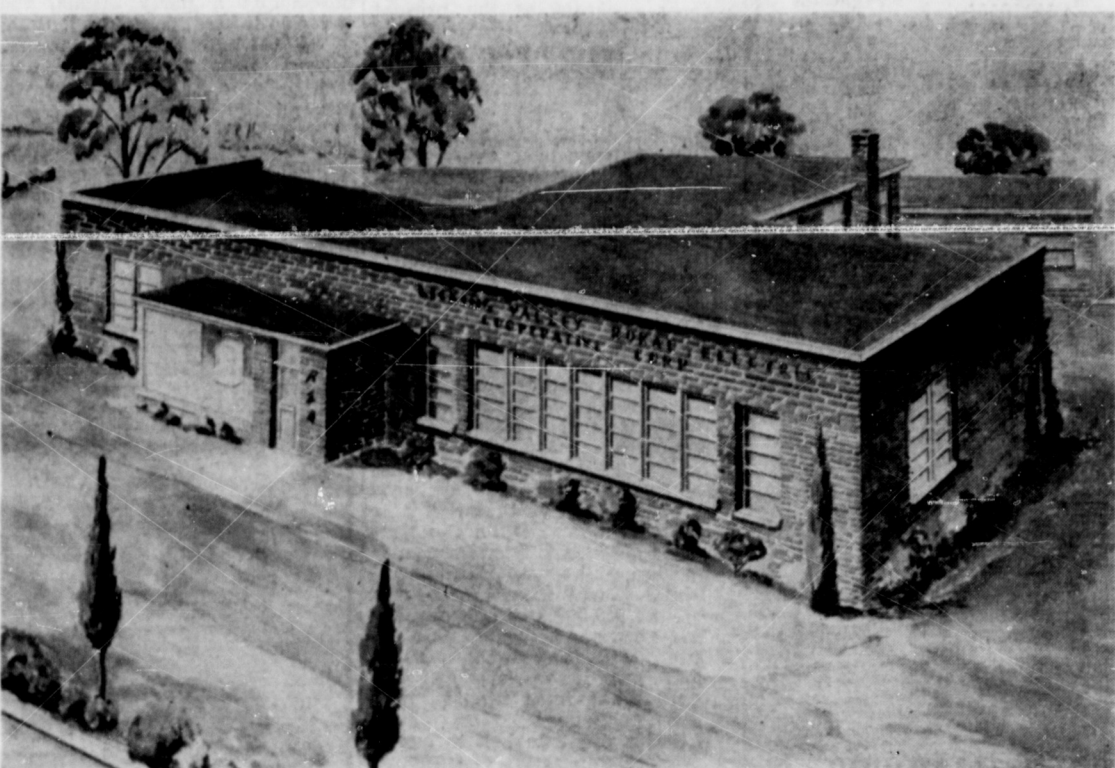
But, what happened to the \$23,928 obtained in the daylight hold-up?

United States Assistant District Attorney Kit C. Elswick says he understood that the FBI and court attaches reasoned like this with the convicted men: "If you tell us where the money is it will help you get parole... anyway, rats or mice might eat it while you're in prison these many years... or somebody is certain to find it."

But, the robbers wouldn't divulge the hiding place. "If you comes from the cell room a report that they confided the money would be there when they got out. Looks a scavenger hunt in the neighborhood is in order. Unless the money is located, the folks around that rural community will be talking about the missing currency for years to come... and looking for it, too."

(Editor's Note—Yes, the Zag (Continued on page 8)

New \$96,000 REA Office Building Here Is Completed



The Licking Valley R.E.A.'s modern brick office building and warehouse in West Liberty will be turned over by the contractor Friday of this week for final inspection, and REA officials plan to move in shortly afterward.

Built at a cost of approximately \$96,000, the building is on the lot purchased last year by REA from James P. Oney between Main and Water streets. J. J. Tuttle & Co. of Lexington was the contractor.

The building is a yellow brick structure facing 100 feet on Main street. A wing extends back from the main building to connect with a 32x102-foot warehouse and garage fronting on Water street.

The main building contains a 20x20-foot lobby, ten office rooms and a 21x30-foot electric-equipped kitchen for use by local groups and for demonstrations. A 13x27-foot basement contains air conditioning and heating systems for the entire structure.

The space in front is beautifully landscaped and has a paved driveway. There also is a paved section for parking space for REA customers.

Entrance to the garage and warehouse is from Water street and a paved parking space also has been prepared at the rear of the building. The Oney lot is 210x210 feet.

The new building is one of the finest REA headquarters in this area.

The Licking Valley REA serves 6,300 patrons in Morgan and five other mid-East Kentucky counties. Edward Gevedon is manager of the co-op.

MORGAN HI LOSES 1 WINS 1; PLAYS AT HOME FRIDAY

The Morgan Blue Devils added a game to each column of their won and lost record this week as they completely overran an inexperienced crew of Louisa Bulldogs here Friday night by a 62-44 count before dropping a 54-51 verdict to Sandy Hook on the latter's floor Tuesday night.

After losing their opening three outings, the Devils finally hit the win circle Friday night as they completely overran an inexperienced crew of Louisa Bulldogs by a 62-44 margin. The Devils, who were leading by some 35 points during the third quarter, probably could have registered a much more decisive victory had they not been replaced by a completely new unit during the final period. Darrell Adams and Ken Hamilton led the Morgan bombardment dropping through 14 and 13 points respectively. Louisa guard, Dotson sparked the Bulldogs attack, collecting exactly half of his team's 44 points. Morgan led 13-6 at the first quarter's end, 31-10 at halftime, and 50-21 at the three-quarter mark in registering their initial triumph.

The Devils made a gallant bid for their second straight victory at Sandy Hook Tuesday night before conceding to the Lions by a heart-breaking 54-51 margin.

The Elliott countians who probably have one of the finest teams in years won at the foul line. Although the Morgan team registered 21 field goals to Sandy Hook's 20, the Lions outscored the Devils by 14-9 in the free-throw department to clinch the affair.

The breaking point in the contest came when in the waning seconds of the game with the score tied, a foul on the Lions was reversed to a jump ball. Following the disputed call Sandy Hook took the ensuing tipoff and converted it into a valuable 2 points. The Devils were unable to win the court again. And thus the Lions wrapped up the 3-point decision.

Evans led the Sandy Hook point-makers with 16 counters, Stacy paced Morgan with 17. Franklin registered 10 to take second for the Devils.

Morgan will play their final game before the Christmas holidays here Friday night against a highly touted Martin five.

Ezel Post Office Is Robbed Monday Nite

The Ezel post office was robbed Monday night and the robbers took about a dollar in change and 15 or 20 books of stamps. Postmaster Roy Murphy reported.

Entrance to the post office building was gained by breaking a lock on a side door. A quantity of mail was found next morning in the road in front of the building. Officers say they have no clue thus far.

S. S. ATTENDANCE	
Christian	106
Methodist	86
Baptist	83
Methodist Mission	20

Mayor Alvin Evans Buys Judge Halsey's Interest In Garage

Mayor Alvin Evans of West Liberty has purchased the one-half interest of County Judge Reed Halsey in the Trayner and Halsey Motor Company here and the firm now is known as Trayner & Evans Motor Company.

Mayor Evans has been an employee of the firm for 17 years and is familiar with all phases of the business. The firm is the dealer in Morgan county for Oldsmobile cars and G. M. C. trucks and in addition conducts a modern repair garage. Herbert Trayner is the other partner.

Judge Halsey is vice president of the West Liberty Oil & Gas Company, bulk distributors in four mid-Eastern Kentucky counties for Ashland Oil products and Firestone tires. This firm was organized early this year.

1000 Pounds of Burley For Polio To Be Sold

Approximately 1,000 pounds of burley tobacco contributed to the Morgan County chapter National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in the "Tobacco for Polio" drive will be taken to market Friday.

Paul Williams, vo-ag teacher at the Morgan county high school and chairman of the drive, will haul the burley to Mt. Sterling Friday and it will be sold at the special 4-H club tobacco auction on Saturday.

All proceeds from the contributed burley will be given to the Morgan county polio chapter.

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Nativity Scene To Be Portrayed On Public Square Here Saturday

Pantomime of Birth
Of Jesus Will Take
Place at 7 P.M. Here

Angel wings are not the easiest things in the world to make, it was learned this week by the committee in charge of the Nativity scene, which will be depicted Saturday evening at 7:00 o'clock in front of the courthouse.

The saintly portrayal of the action in Bethlehem of Judea on a starlit night nineteen hundred and fifty-four years ago is again being sponsored by the Morgan County Woman's Club, aided by church and civic groups of the town.

Chimes To Ring Out

At 6:30 o'clock—one-half hour before the Nativity scene—the chimes atop the Methodist parsonage will play Christmas carols and hymns. Rev. Robt. L. Meyers, pastor, will be in charge of the chimes.

Mrs. Ralph Gullett, who has acted as Mary each year the Nativity has been depicted, will play the role again. Joseph will be played by W. H. "Tooger" Wells, and the Innkeeper will be played by Stanley Blair.

Portraying the parts of Shepherds and the Wise Men will be

CLUB TO PROVIDE CHR'MAS BASKETS

The Kiwanis Club at its meeting Wednesday evening drafted final plans for its annual distribution of Christmas baskets to needy families.

Club members were divided into eight groups and each group was assigned a family or families to take baskets to.

Baskets of food, candy, and fruits and some toys for the children will be provided by each group, and these will be taken to the homes on Christmas Eve.

Distributing baskets to needy families at Christmas time has been an annual custom of the local Kiwanis Club for several years.

Beef Cattle Specialist To Speak In Morgan

Dr. Alton A. Parsons, Extension Service beef cattle specialist from the College of Agriculture of the University of Kentucky, will speak at a 4-H club beef cattle meeting in the courthouse in West Liberty Monday, Dec. 20 at 9:30 a.m. All members of 4-H clubs who are carrying beef cattle projects this year, their parents and any interested beef cattle breeders are invited to attend the meeting. Dr. Parsons will discuss selection of proper stock, feeding and management in baby beef projects.

Burley 11A and 11B were grown on 75 farms in Mercer county, both showing resistance to the black shank disease.

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM WILL BE READY NEXT WK.

Last Dial Phones
Being Installed
In West Liberty

The entire three-county system of the Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative will be ready for activation next week if present plans work out.

Six engineers from Stromberg-Carlson Corporation arrived last week to assist local workers in install dial phones in West Liberty to complete the changeover from the old-type phones.

Activation of the three-county system was planned for early this week but engineers were confronted Saturday with a seepage of alternating current into lines. They worked all day Saturday to find the cause and determine a remedy.

The alternating current, the engineers found, is seeping into the lines from REA power lines and farm homes through the ground. This happens sometimes in areas of clay soil, but is not a problem in sandy or rocky soils, the engineers said.

Special filter mechanism had to be ordered from Stromberg-Carlson headquarters in New York. The equipment was flown to Lexington and is now being installed to filter out the alternating current.

As soon as this job is completed the workers will resume their work of installing dial phones in West Liberty to complete the system. Then the entire three-county system will be ready to be cut in.

The new system will have nine new long-distance lines connecting with General Telephone Corporation at Morehead and six long distance lines connecting to the Bell system in Winchester. They will replace the present two long-distance lines to Morehead. Connecting at Morehead will be three long distance lines from Sandy Hook, four from West Liberty and two from Ezel. Connecting at Winchester will be four long-distance lines from Campton and two from Hazel Green.

Patrons served by sub-stations at Sandy Hook, Campton, Hazel Green and Ezel have been enjoying local phone service through the new system for several weeks. But West Liberty still has its old-type phones. These are the last to be changed.

The co-op's main office and exchange will be in West Liberty with sub-stations at Sandy Hook, Campton, Ezel and Hazel Green. The system will serve 1,390 patrons in Wolfe, Menifee and Elliott counties.

BAPTIST CHURCH HAS NEW PASTOR

Rev. Charles C. Hobbs, student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, has been called by the West Liberty Baptist church as pastor and he began his pastorate here Dec. 5. He succeeds Rev. Gordon Duncan who resigned to accept pastorate of the Boulevard Baptist church in Coolidge, Arizona.

Rev. Hobbs, age 26, is a native of Bristol, Tenn. and his wife is a native of Chattanooga. Both Rev. and Mrs. Hobbs are graduates of Carson-Newman College. Presently they are residing in Louisville but expect to move to West Liberty after Jan. 1.

Rev. Hobbs drives to West Liberty each Saturday and remains throughout Monday. He is conducting the regular Sunday services here and also the regular Sunday school and church services at the Ezel Baptist church at 2 p.m. each Sunday. The prayer meeting night has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday.

Ed Elam, 80, Dies In West Liberty Dec. 13

Ed Elam, 80, died at his home here Dec. 13 and funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 1 p.m. at West Liberty Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son Carl Elam, West Liberty; a daughter, Mrs. Katherine Woods; a sister, Mrs. Ida Schoff, Cincinnati, O.; two brothers, Shelby Elam, Elkfork, and Taylor Elam, Baltimore; 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Rev. Arthur Johnson and Rev. W. H. Wells officiated at last rites. Burial, under direction of West Liberty Funeral Home, was made in the Short cemetery at Woodbend.

COURIER TO PUBLISH
EARLIER NEXT WEEK
The Courier will be published one day early next week so it will reach rural subscribers the day before Christmas.

Advertisers and correspondents are asked to remember to get their news and ads in early.

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Bank Robbers Get 20-Year Sentences

Paul Williams Named
Chairman of Annual
Red Cross Campaign

A meeting of directors of the Morgan county chapter of Red Cross was held Tuesday evening in the office of Blaine Nickell.

Paul Williams was selected as fund drive chairman for the annual drive for approximately \$1,600. The drive is to be made during March but contributions may be made any time after Jan. 1st.

Present at the meeting were Walter Franklin, chairman; Mrs. H. B. Murray, secretary; Julia Haney, home secretary, and directors Blaine Nickell, W. G. Ratliff, Ralph Walter, Woodrow Barber, Bernard E. Whitt and Darrell House, district representative from Paintsville.

35 PCT. TAX LEVY FOR 1955 URGED

State Revenue Commissioner Robert H. Allphin has called upon all County tax commissioners to aim for a 1955 assessment level of at least 35 percent of fair market value.

In letters to County tax commissioners, Mr. Allphin asked them to announce the level at which they are assessing property, and this week Morgan Tax Commissioner Mrs. Della Williams announced all property owners will be expected to give in their list of taxable property at 35% of the market value.

Property assessments are to be made for 1955 during January and February.

Allphin said about half the counties are now below the 35 percent level. During the past summer, 69 counties were given blanket raises in order to bring their assessments up to a desired 31 percent level.

Allphin wants property equalized between owners rather than between counties in order to bring the level to 35 percent for next year.

Allphin suggested to the county tax commissioners:

"You should announce to all property owners the level at which you are assessing property. An announced assessing policy will be a positive step toward better property assessments and will eliminate many of the individual injustices caused by a blanket raise."

He said each County tax commissioner could make his 1955 assessment the best it has ever known by:

1. Announcing the level at which property is being assessed.
2. Equalizing property assessments among individual property owners.
3. Studying the market value of property in the county.

SCOUTS ADVANCE
AT HONOR COURT

Eight West Liberty Boy Scouts received advancement patches at a Scout court of honor held last Sunday evening in the Christian church here.

The court of honor was conducted following regular evening church services at which the pastor, Rev. Joe R. Nevius preached on the topic, Jesus Was a Scout. This was followed by the impressive Scout candle-lighting ceremony and presentation of the Scout patches, indicating advancement of the recipients.

The Boy Scout advisory council, composed of Wendell Nickell, J. Blaine Nickell, Woodrow W. Barber, Dr. Alec Spencer, Tommy Ruth and Dr. L. C. Long, conducted the court of honor. Former Scoutmaster Woodrow W. Barber arranged the program.

Wendell Nickell, chairman of the council, presented Tenderfoot patches to Danny McLean, Larry Franklin, Richard Gose and Ronnie Allen; second class patches to Darrell Spencer, Bobby Nickell, and Jimmie Denzil Fannin, and first class patch to Leonard Ruth.

Following Rev. Nevius' sermon, First Class Scout Leonard Ruth led the Scouts in the Pledge to the Flag. Then the Scouts carried out the candle-lighting ceremony. As each Scout lighted a candle he recited one point of the Scout law. Leonard Ruth then lighted the three candles of the triangle and as he lit each candle he recited a portion of the Scout oath.

Leonard Ruth not only was advanced to a first class Scout but he was awarded 14 merit badges by Chairman Nickell for outstanding achievement in Scouting.

CONFESSIO OF
METCALF READ
TO U. S. JURY

Bank Official
Identifies One
Bandit at Trial

CATLETTSBURG, Ky., Dec. 10 —Orbie Metcalf and Ernest Carter were convicted today by a federal court jury of robbing the People's Bank of Sandy Hook, Elliott county, and Judge Mac Swinford sentenced both to two terms for 20 years each, to be served concurrently.

The jury deliberated 25 minutes.

Judge Swinford said, in passing sentence: "The circumstances of this case were such that lives of two innocent persons were placed in jeopardy and someone could have been killed or injured."

None of the loot in the \$23,928 robbery has been recovered.

Metcalf, 20, and Carter, 23, both of Germantown, Ohio, were charged with robbery of a bank and carrying money away from the institution.

The case went to the jury after the defendants, on the witness stand today, denied staging the robbery.

Both men testified after Harry C. Campbell of Louisa, an FBI agent, told the jury that Metcalf made and signed voluntarily a statement confessing the robbery.

Judge Swinford Thursday overruled a defense motion to bar admission of the alleged confession.

The jury was told, however, to disregard the statement as it pertained to the case against Carter, as it had not been made in his presence.

Campbell, appearing as one of the chief witnesses for the prosecution, read a statement purporting to have been made by Metcalf four days after the holdup.

Among the first witnesses called yesterday in the trial were Robert W. Thompson, assistant cashier at the bank, and his wife, Imogene, a teller. They testified from the witness stand how the holdup was carried out by two men. They said they were alone in the bank when the men entered. Both men had hats pulled low over their eyes, they said, and bandana handkerchiefs were tied over the lower parts of their faces.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson told the jury that the bandits brandished guns, one man staying near the entrance, while the other forced Thompson to lead him to a cash drawer and then into the bank's vault.

The robber scorned \$1 bills and silver, the assistant cashier said, but took most of the bank's larger bills and placed them in a brown paper sack.

While he was busy gathering the money, the Thompsons said, the holdup man's bandana mask slipped down off his face. The man was Carter, the Thompsons testified.

After obtaining the money, the two bandits locked Mr. and Mrs. Thompson in the vault and fled. The Thompsons were locked in the airtight vault for more than an hour before they were able to attract rescuers.

Mrs. Elaine Conley, who with her husband operates an appliance store near the bank, testified to seeing two men approach and enter the bank just prior to the holdup. She said she had a good look at one of the men and identified him as Metcalf. She said the other man, whom she saw only in profile, resembled Carter.

Henry Adkins, 20, automobile mechanic at a garage near the bank, testified to seeing two men "trotting from the bank carrying a brown paper sack." He said the men drove away in a black Mercury car. The car bore a Kentucky license and had several travel decals in the back window, Adkins said.

Morgan County Sheriff Aaron Lykins testified that when he heard the description of the car he and Deputy Darrell Blewins went directly to the George Lewis home at Zag.

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Christian Church Is Being Repaired

Repairs and painting of the Christian church are being done, and the committee would be glad to have contributions from friends of the church. They may be sent to C. C. Elam, West Liberty.

Tree Planting Contest Readied For 1955 In Morgan County



Fence Posts Being Cut from Well Manager Pine Forest

(By BERLYN BROWN, SCS)

Plans are being made to get the 1955 tree planting program under way in Morgan county.

Rules and prizes are being worked out for the West Liberty and Ezel chapters of FFA to enter a tree setting contest sponsored by the Morgan County Soil Conservation district. Final plans for the contest will be drafted by the district supervisors at their monthly meeting Dec. 20.

The county's goal for 1955 is 80 acres, or 80,000 trees.

Last spring 54,900 trees were planted in the county.

We believe we can easily reach our goal for 1955 provided the seedlings are available from the State Division of Forestry.

This is only a small amount compared to the needs in the county.

However, in 1946 only 1000 feet of drain tile was surveyed and installed in the county but since then district cooperators have had 378,827 feet surveyed and installed on their farm. This means

about 1700 acres of fertile bottom land was brought into production taking the place of about 6000 acres on the hillsides that were taken out of row crops and seeded to pasture and meadow, thus preventing a tremendous amount of erosion.

Tile drainage systems have been surveyed this fall on James H. Tyra, Malone, Claude Whit, Wrigley, C. G. Lykins, White Oak, Herbert Wells, West Liberty, Dillard Murphy, Ezel, Asa Kemplin, Woodsbend, R. N. Pack and Mattie Arnett, Matthew, Buford Vance, Neal Valley, Kenny Brown, Matthew, Rufus Nickell, Grassy Creek, Arthur Adkins, Redwine, and Edison Hill, Relief.

36 Farm Ponds Built
Thirty-six farm ponds were surveyed and constructed this year on cooperators farms making a total of 209 stock water and fish ponds constructed in the district since 1946. These ponds were surveyed and the construction supervised by the Soil Conservation Service technicians working with the district.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We take this method through the columns of the Licking Valley Courier to express to our many friends our thanks and appreciation for the number of cards and letters received, and may yet receive during the holiday season. We are not mailing as usual any greeting cards this Christmas. I was thinking that if I only should get a card or letter of Christmas greeting from every loved one, that in their homes I have visited with in prayer, not to even mention the sermons delivered, funerals preached, and marriages and baptismal services officiated in time of ministry.

I am now past my 64th milestone in life and my 58th year in the ministry of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and have enjoyed every moment of it. I do not say that haven't been a wonderful experience of the realization that God has always been a wonderful saviour and a deliverer. To God I recommend as the only means of salvation to one and all. Thank God for each and every one of you, my many friends and those we have learned to love. God bless one and all. My wife joins me in wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rev. and Mrs. Harlen Murphy

GOD GIVES STRENGTH

By Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

To find real joy in living, you just have to get yourself full of God. This may be a curious way to put it, but the phrase, "full of God," appeals to me. Get yourself packed full of God.

Why? Because God is wisdom, God is strength, God is goodness, God is power, God is peace, God is health, God is joy. God is your whole system and that of the universe working together. God is renewal, for that is the name for all these things. When you get yourself full of God, you get yourself chock full of health and strength and joy.

How do you get yourself full of God? Simply by living with Him, talking to Him and thinking about Him. You get yourself full of God by taking words and phrases from the Scriptures and dropping them into your mind. You get yourself full of God by going to your church or synagogue, by helping people, by forgiving, by living up to your ideals. Do these things and you will find joy in living all the days of your life.

WATCH NIGHT SINGING

The Camargo Church of God will conduct a watch night singing at Camargo Dec. 31 and extends a cordial invitation to all singers, quartets, trios, duets and soloists and choirs to participate.

11th Annual Worldwide BIBLE READING

Theme: "FAITH FOR OUR DAY."
Clip this and follow the readings which explain the theme.

DECEMBER

20 1 Corinthians 15
21 Ephesians 6
22 Philippians 4
23 Hebrews 11
24 Revelation 21
25 Christmas Luke 2:1-20

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All or a part of the Scriptures is in 38 systems and languages for the blind. And for the sightless who cannot read with the fingers there are 170 double-faced records of the whole Bible. There are 1077 languages and dialects that now have the Bible in some entirety or some portion of it. The church is working to give it to all men.

Every freedom loving person ought to own and read this up to date book every day, then talk to its Maker for salvation and power to live triumphantly now and forever.

GRASSY CREEK—

COLD HAMPERS HEN'S SCHEDULE

GRASSY CREEK, Ky., Dec. 13

(By J. M. Gevedon)—Mrs. Dell Gevedon has a large White Rock hen that for some time has been making daily trips from the barn to the coal house in our back yard to deposit an egg in her favorite nest; but at the beginning of the cold snap the hen decided to curtail her trips to one every two days. On these days she left in her nest a double-yolked egg. These eggs are of the same size, measuring 3 inches in length and 6½ inches in circumference. These eggs are here on display, subject to inspection. Don't let Editor Whitt see this as he might decide to intrude on my veracity, which heretofore, has been considered normal.

Mrs. Harold Gevedon was here over the week end loading her household goods for removal to Dayton, Ohio, where they have secured apartments and a job. Bert Gevedon and Deward Adams are at Lexington with another load of tobacco.

Mrs. and Mrs. Estill Gevedon returned from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Byron Lawes who is critically ill in her home at Mousie.

E. KY. PROJECTS IN STATE PLANS

The State Property and Buildings Commission last week allotted \$2,394,000 for improvements and buildings at state institutions and parks. Included are these for Eastern Kentucky projects:

Carter Caves State Park—addition to trading post for small restaurant, complete parking lot and landscape, service building, new directional signs, addition to picnic area, and recreational facilities, \$40,000.

Morehead State College—\$25,000 to renovate and equip two domestic-science areas, one in the training school, the other in the division of colleges so each will have five modern units.

Dowey Lake—New boat-dock headquarters, including small restaurant; caretaker's house, service building, additional picnic and recreational facilities, new bathroom and beach, entrance on U. S. 23, water-supply system, sewage-disposal system, electric distribution system, new parking lot, \$125,000.

Natural Bridge—Build entrance at parking lot end of Hemlock Lodge, improve kitchen, correct drainage around cottages, acquire land to control silt in lake, fire-protection system for lodge, extra picnic and recreational facilities, sign program at park entrance, \$45,000.

Sherman Lyons, 75, Dies At Flat Gap

Sherman Lyons, 75, died at his home at Flat Gap Tuesday night, Dec. 7, following an illness of six months.

Born Dec. 25, 1880, at Keaton, he was the son of the late Landan and Nancy Skaggs Lyons. He was a retired farmer and a member of New Regular Baptist church.

He is survived by his wife, Allie Creek Lyons; three sons, Con Lyons, Tivis Lyons, both of Paintsville, Kerline Lyons, Ashland, and one daughter, Mrs. Beulah McKenzie, Ashland.

Also surviving are two brothers, Mark of Athens, O., John of Redbus; and two sisters, Mrs. Ollie Bailey, Flat Gap, and Mrs. Mary Ferguson, Red Bush.

In Harrison county, 23 home-makers worked with other agencies in fertilizing and cultivating all plantings at the Harrison County high school.

NATL. FARMERS UNION TO FORM KENTUCKY UNIT

The National Farmers Union which supported the Roosevelt and Truman farm programs and has opposed the flexible price support program of the present administration, is launching a drive to organize the Farmers Union in Kentucky.

It is the first effort in many years to set up a rival to the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. An organization committee was formed last week at a meeting at Louisville. R. O. Wilson, Grand Rivers, was elected chairman, and John D. Welch, Lexington, secretary-treasurer.

The committee's goal: 5,000 members. It has to have this many to be chartered by the National Farmers Union.

The Farmers Union, which has been an outspoken critic of the Eisenhower Administration's farm policies, now has chartered organizations in 23 states. Utah, Virginia, Illinois and Indiana were chartered in the last year and organization campaigns now are in progress in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Idaho and Washington.

The national group claims 270,000 farm-family memberships that represent 650,000 voting members. The Farmers Union has no affiliation with any labor organization, but it works with organized labor from time to time on specific issues.

It had a great deal of influence in the Democratic administrations of Presidents Roosevelt and Truman.

The Farmers Union's chief rival, the Farm Bureau Federation, nationally has supported the flexible price support policies of the Eisenhower Administration. However, the Kentucky Farm Bureau is on record in favor of the continued 90 percent of parity supports.

Attending the Farmers Union organization meeting was Gus Geissler, Washington, D. C., assistant to the national president of the organization.

After the Kentucky meeting, Welch said several counties will begin immediately with plans for selecting farmers from various parts of each county to serve on county organizing committees.

The national organization favors "100 percent of parity income for farmers and strong enough price support programs to assure farmers that they will be able to obtain this level of income."

It also favors price supports for all farm commodities instead of for only the basic crops and a few others.

Like other farmer organizations, the Farmers Union offers service programs such as insurance to members.

MORGAN NATIVE DIES IN TEXAS

Cable B. Amyx, 83, a native of Morgan county, died in Mission, Texas, Nov. 25.

Funeral services were held on Friday. He was a retired real estate man. Mr. Amyx came to Mission in 1931 to make his home and enter business. Earlier, the family had lived in Chanute, Kansas, and for six years at Abilene, Texas, before coming here.

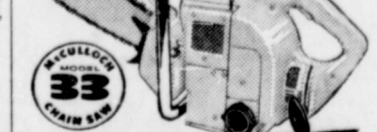
Rev. Milton Bohmfalk, pastor of the First Methodist church, conducted the services and burial was at Laurel Hill cemetery. At the cemetery members of Mission Masonic Lodge conducted fraternal service.

Survivors are the wife and two sons, Charles Amyx of Mission and Hurst Amyx of Tucson, Ariz.; five grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Amyx was holder of a 50-year medal in the Masonic Lodge, a life member of the Lions Club and a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

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Keen Johnson Is Reported Choice In Governor Race

Reports at Frankfort Saturday indicated that former Gov. Keen Johnson may be the State Administration's choice for the Democratic nomination for governor next year.

According to the reports, a Democratic leader in Frankfort telephoned a party official that the Administration has about decided to back Johnson to run against former Governor and U.S. Senator A. B. Chandler, who already has filed.

Told of the rumor, Johnson, now a vice-president and director of public relations for Reynolds Metals Company in Louisville, would only say, "I don't know anything about it."

Both air-cured and burley tobacco were used in nine stripping demonstrations in Hopkins county.

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ELLIOTT 4-H'ER WINS HONORS

The annual National 4-H Club Congress will be at Chicago Nov. 28 to Dec. 3, and 4-H champions from each state will attend this conference.

Glenn Porter of New Salem 4-H club in Ault community will represent Kentucky as corn champion. He has been Corn King of the county for six years, district champion four years, and won State honors in 1953. He also won the Kentucky Corn Derby in the one acre Division in 1952 and was recognized as same and awarded a gold watch.

Glenn is the first State champion from Elliott county to attend 4-H Congress and is to be congratulated.

Homemakers of Breckinridge county have made about 200 leather articles, including coin purses, billfolds, handbags, key cases, belts and moccasins.

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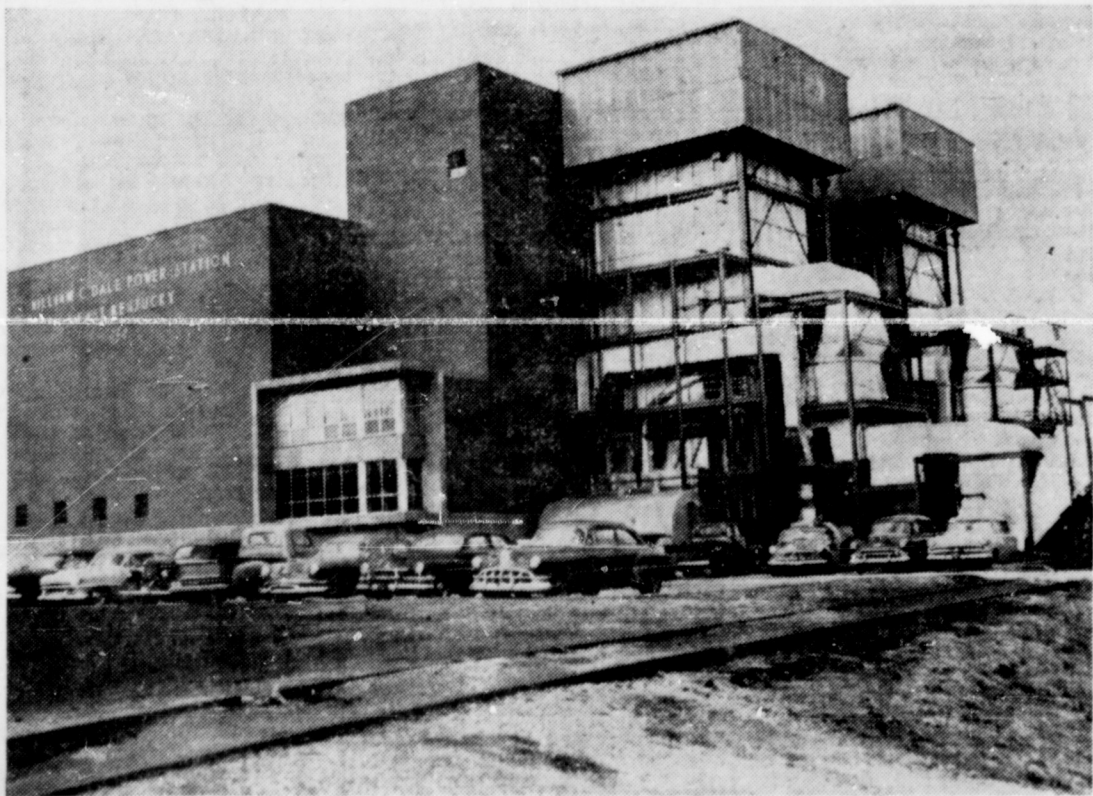
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CANNEL CITY TO GIVE PROGRAM

Homer Fletcher, principal at Cannel City Junior high school, said that the 295 children enrolled would have Christmas holidays from Dec. 17 to Jan. 3.

The grade school will present a Christmas program on Friday morning, Dec. 17, and each room will have a Christmas program and a Christmas tree in their own rooms. The children have drawn names to exchange gifts.

Mrs. Dorothy Collins, home ec teacher, said there are 80 girls in her department in sewing and cooking and that they have done especially good work. They have two sewing machines and are expecting two more very soon to be installed by the county board of education. She said the two additional machines are badly needed and when received will help very much. They have one electric cooking stove which was presented to the school but said that another stove is needed to give the girls opportunity to have full advantage of the cooking.

Mrs. Collins is a graduate of Berea College and has taught in the rural schools and at West Liberty before going to Cannel City.

Knox county farmers have purchased lambs to rough through the winter and breed to lamb early in 1956.

(By Mrs. Ray Keith)

Dec. 12—Claude Patrick, Middletown, O., spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Patrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brewer and family shopped in Mt. Sterling Saturday.

Noah Patrick, Luther Sexton, G. C. Cox, Cubert McCoy were all in Mt. Sterling this week seeing their tobacco sell. All reported good averages.

Aunt Liza Lawson was rushed to a Mt. Sterling hospital Friday and, though a little better, is still seriously ill.

Ray Keith has been hauling tobacco to the Growers Warehouse this week. He has taken in six loads since Wednesday.

Kenneth Patrick, of Morehead College spent the week end with his parents and helped strip tobacco.

Mr. and Mrs. Merida Mann are installing a new furnace. They have received word that their son, Pvt. Randolph Mann who is stationed in New Jersey, would be able to be with over Christmas holiday.

Rexal and Ancel Keith have been helping Floyd Gillispie of Ezel strip tobacco.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bowlin spent last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gillispie at Ezel.

John Burkhard, Casey county 4-H club boy, collected 14 bushels of black walnut seed for the State Forestry Division.

FLORESS—

FOX ATTACKS SCHOOL YOUTH

FLORESS, Ky., Dec. 14—(By Edna Cox Lewis)—One evening last week as Kennel Lewis was returning home from school he was attacked by a fox. Kennel reports he was walking up the road when he saw the fox coming at full speed. At first he thought it was a dog. When it came closer he scolded it, but it didn't stop—it ran within a few feet of him and spring on him, hitting him in the breast with its front feet, snapping and growling like a dog. He knocked it off with fist. It sprang back three or four times snapping and growling, but he kept knocking it off and at last succeeded in kicking and killing it. Kennel attends M.C.H.S. at West Liberty and walks about 1½ miles after he gets off the school bus.

Reb McClure has purchased the farm from Manford Williams at this place known as the Dawson farm.

Dorothy Williams of Dayton, O. is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pfeiffer here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Bolin of near Gordon Ford were visiting here Saturday.

Ova Pfeiffer has installed a new television in his home.

Victor Conley went to Mt. Sterling Friday with a truck load of tobacco.

Lizza Pack who has been on the sick list is much better.

Floyd Lewis and sons Kermit and Paris called on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cantrell at Long Branch one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Osa Phipps moved last week for Sandusky, O. where she expects to start work as a beautician.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lewis spent the week end with Rev. Henry Sexton and family, Blaze.

Pleasant Run Chapel is getting a new coat of inside paint, new rug, and new drapes.

A revival will begin at Pleasant Run Chapel Dec. 15 and last until Christmas. Rev. Paul Wilbur of Dodge City, Kansas, will conduct the services. Everyone is welcome.

(By Rattie Mann)

Dec. 11—Rev. Dailey & Mrs. Dailey Carpenter & 2 girls Maxene & Ago & Mr. & Mrs. Martin Richardson all in Mt. Sterling, Martin Richardson to be shot.

Mrs. Martin Richardson did go to have foot dressed where she dropped the arning bord on her toe said it be quite a spell gitting well.

Mrs. James Lawson still bad. Smothern spells so bad. Mr. & Mrs. Charley Lawson came to see his mother Dec. 8.

Mrs. Edgar Wheeler lost the little baby. It lived 6 hours. Our sympathy to them.

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bair who made there return back to Dan. They planned to move to Burns Cox place soon bin ported. Burns very ill this writing. Heat crains.

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Euston left out for Dayton, where he bot him a rummin house. Left 7th.

Mr. & Mrs. Linvil Johnston, Dayton, bot his place & Burton will have sale on 18 Dec. He sell his household.

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Lawson, Big Woods, moved in house with Mr. & Mrs. James Lawson to wait on Mrs. Lawson.

PTA sponshurd talent shoe at Korea school Dec. 3th. Big crowd & nice music & singing by Skidmore Brothers. Mr. & Mrs. Ray Crain the Brewer children Bonnie & Charlete Lawson & Lena Mae Wells dressed up for Neegra.

Were taw Muse Brathers & Harold Bryant, Glenn Lawson was master of the cerymonies. Korea PTA is sure progressing.

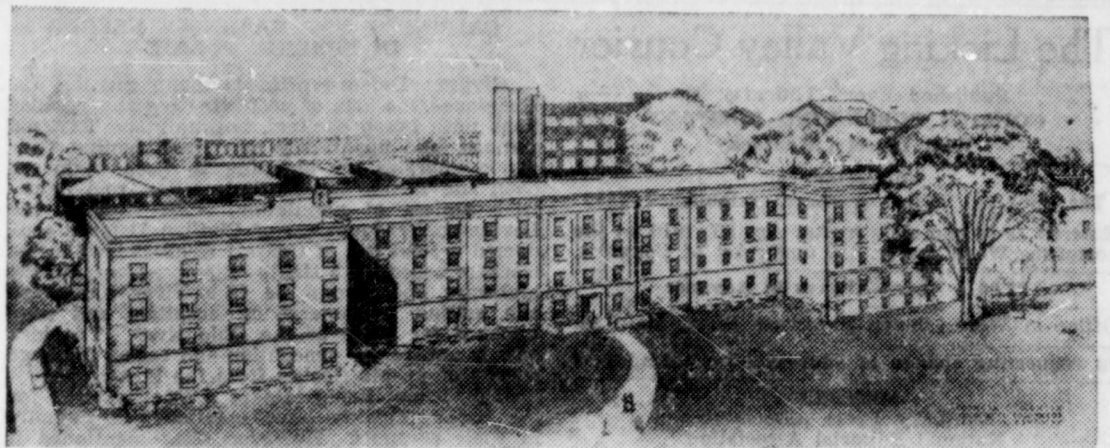
To all Rattie good readers—wisht to all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. Less make it leading paper on map.

SACRED FILM TO BE SHOWN

A film entitled "Child of Bethlehem" will be shown at the Baptist church Sunday evening at the regular Sunday evening services. The film in timely and appropriate manner will view the incidents preceding the birth of Christ. The public is invited.

TWINS BORN IN GERMANY

Police Judge John Helton received a telegram Monday from his son, Pete in Frankfurt, Germany, saying twins were born to them in the base hospital and all were doing fine.



NEW HOME FOR UK GIRLS—Construction is under way on this modern residence hall for girls at the University of Kentucky, and it is expected to be ready for occupancy next fall. The \$1,250,000 building is being financed through a \$200,000 gift from the Kettering Foundation, a \$722,000 loan from the federal government, and the remainder from accumulated earnings in the UK plant fund. More than 300 women students will be housed in the four-story structure.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

December 19—Christmas Sunday worship, 11 a.m. with special music, children's choir and soloist; Vesper Hour with organ music and carols at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Evening Worship, lead by youth, at 7 p.m. with "White" Gifts.

Dec. 20—Vesper Hour with organ music and carols from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Evening, "The Shepherds Remember", Mrs. Luther Blair, 7 p.m. Carols, Scripture and prayer.

Dec. 21—Vesper Hour with organ music and carols from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Evening, organ Christmas music, singing, 7 p.m.

Dec. 22—Vesper Hour, Marimba music, carols, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Evening, Marimba music, Christmas readings, 7 p.m. Mrs. Elsie and Miss Karen Smith.

Dec. 23—Vesper Hour, organ music, carols, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Evening, children's night, children's program, 7 p.m.

Dec. 24—Vesper Hour, organ music, Christmas carols, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Evening, youth caroling, fellowship (church basement), 7 p.m. till.

Welcome to all these services. Drop in for the Vesper hours in the afternoon for 5 or 10 minutes from work or shopping if you can't stay longer.

Marine Recruiter To Visit West Liberty

The Marine Recruit Sergeant, William L. Page, has announced he will be at West Liberty from 2 to 3 p.m. every 1st, and 3rd Wednesday to select young men to serve with the U. S. Marines.

Enlistments are being accepted for three or four years. Any young man between the ages of 17 through 28 may be accepted provided he passes the physical and mental requirements. Those selected will be sent to Parris Island, S. C. to undergo ten (10) weeks of basic training.

W. S. HARKINS III DIES

PRESTONSBURG, Ky., Dec. 12—W. S. Harkins, III, a member of the Harkins law firm in Prestonsburg, died today after a brief illness at the age of 37. He was the last member of the firm. The others died earlier this year—his father, Joseph D. Harkins, in January, and his brother, Joseph D. Harkins, Jr., Aug. 8.

He was a graduate of Kentucky Military Institute in Lyndon and the University of Michigan Law School. He served in the infantry in World War II, was a Mason, a former V.F.W. post commander, and a member of the Eagles.

BAPTIST YULE PROGRAM

The West Liberty Baptist church will present its annual Christmas program Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. at the church.

The young people's group will present a drama, "The Contrite Spirit," depicting the ever new and familiar Christmas story. The characters taking parts are Carolyn Gabbard, Darryl Adams, Ann Adams, Douglas Haney and Alice Sue Lacy.

A choir composed of 20 members will sing the well known Christmas carols. Dressed in vestments, the choir will enter the rear of the church in a candle lighting service. Soloists for the program will include Berlyn Brown, choir director, and Virginia Longbaugh. A duet will be sung by Carolyn Gabbard and Darryl Adams.

Dramatic readings will be given by Janet Wills, Julia Ann Wilson, Betty Jo Walsh, Patty Haney, Jerry Brown, Virginia Longbaugh. The pastor, Rev. Charles Hobbs, will lead in the invocation.

Others taking part are Marvin and Bonnie Berry, Jerry Wells.

Mrs. Elbert Dowden and Mrs. M. J. Abbott of Henry county were awarded engraved plaques for 16 years' perfect attendance at homemakers club meetings.

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SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRISTMAS

(Republished by request from last year's Courier)

Christmas is the most loved and revered of all Christendom's festive days—and, along with Easter, the most mystical and symbolic.

Beyond the fact that we observe December 25th historically as the birth anniversary of Jesus, it is well to ponder the spiritual symbology of the Bible story of the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem nearly 2,000 years ago. For Christmas should remind us anew of the great truth that the Christ, the spiritual image of God, is incarnate in each of us even as it was in Jesus, and that we too can attain the Sonship of God which Jesus manifested so perfectly in His life on earth.

Christ lived in Spirit long before the birth of Jesus ("Before Abraham was, I am") for He was created in the beginning in God's image and likeness, Christ is the "created" man, or the spiritual man, of Genesis; and Adam is the "formed" man, or physical man into whom God breathed the breath of life that made him a living soul. In the event which we celebrate at Christmas, Christ became incarnate in the consciousness and body of Jesus. John describes it thus: "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, glory of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth."

THE BIRTH of a new understanding in us that the same Christ who became incarnate in Jesus can quicken the soul of any man who "believes on Him"—that is, becomes awakened or reborn into the consciousness that the Christ spirit, or image and likeness of God, is in us—that is the real meaning of Christmas. For Jesus said, "I am in the Father, and He in me, and I in you," and again, "Lo I am with you always."

God's breathing of the breath of life into the formed man gives us the life and consciousness which enable us to become aware of the created man, the spiritual man, the Christ, in us. "God is Spirit," and His Spirit is the Christ incarnate in each of us from the beginning that forms the core of our spiritual being.

Attaining this birth of a new understanding of the Christ image in us and then manifesting it in our lives so that the Christ spirit becomes incarnate in our very consciousness and body is the paramount hunger and longing of all human-kind, because it is in this manner that we "return to the Father's house," and through the Christ come to know God. Thus, attaining this new understanding or consciousness of Christ should be the paramount goal of each of us in order to attain perfect peace and harmony in this life.

It is good to have Christmas as a time to remind us that Christ can be born in us to help us find our true place in God's plan. And what gifts shall we bestow upon the Christ Child when we find Him within us? Let us give Him our faith, love and obedience. And let us bless all mankind, knowing that Christ too is in everyone even though He may not yet be manifested by some.

THE ADVENT of this Christ spirit is an occasion of great joy. And we celebrate the Nativity of the Christ Child in the joyous and happy festivities of Christmas time.

This joy, this stirring up of a new faith and this quickening of the new Christ spirit in us wells up into tolerance and forgiveness, understanding and love, and a desire to bless all mankind. The true spirit of Christmas is shown by sharing with our less fortunate neighbors and friends as well as our loved ones. By giving gifts and remembering others, "even the least of these," we symbolize our endeavor to bless all mankind.

So let us remember in our gift-giving, in the whirl of parties and activities of Santa Claus, that Christ is the true spirit that animates these joyous festivities, and that the event particularly symbolizes the advent of Christ unto humankind.

BOY SCOUTS HONORED

The court of honor held at the Christian church Sunday evening and the awards presented to the Boy Scouts after the close of the service was very effective. The pastor in his sermon said that Jesus Christ was a Scout and went out into the hills and woods to think and pray. He admonished the boys to live a good life and do good deeds. This was one time in which the church recognized the importance of putting Christ into the lives of the young boys and will no doubt have a lasting impression on the boys and may be the means of having the boys not only as Boy Scouts but to have them become members of the church of their choice, to live the good life of which the pastor spoke.

MORGAN BURLEY

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D. B. Havens & Eugene Easterling, Malone, 1070 lbs., \$60.01.

Recil Sargent, Blaze, 1886 lbs., \$61.41.

Rollie Sargent and Oral Sargent, Blaze, 1296 lbs., \$61.26.

Effie & T. J. Burton, Caney, 1320 lbs., \$57.59.

T. J. Burton and Arna Lykins, 2800 lbs., \$58.60.

Willie H. Whitt, Wrigley, 500 lbs., \$66.00.

Martin Collins, Blairs Mills, 2784 lbs., \$58.10.

Earl Reed, Caney, 1554 lbs., \$64.34.

H. C. Gevedon, Grassy Creek, 2722 lbs., \$59.18.

Mitch Whitt, Pomp, 4992 lbs., \$60.09.

Ishmael Whitt, Pomp, 1070 lbs., \$61.73.

D. M. Gevedon, Pomp, 2344 lbs., \$59.92.

Orville Caskey, Pomp, 768 lbs., \$64.98.

Dave Phipps, Payton, 1436 lbs., \$63.84.

Sherman Brown, Blairs Mills, 2082 lbs., \$57.80.

Perry Haney, R. 3, Morehead, 1300 lbs., \$60.57.

Hasson Clevenger, Pomp, 2684 lbs., \$61.66.

CALMNESS NOT RASHNESS NEEDED IN FOREIGN POLICY

Civilian Defense officials many months ago abandoned the idea of protecting big city populations with bomb shelters, hospitals and first aid stations, and apparently now are devoting their major energies on planning to keep highways open and setting up hospitals miles from industrial centers of population. Last summer the Lexington headquarters of Civilian Defense conducted a field test of Central Kentucky volunteer workers based on a single objective—keeping the highways open from the Ohio river southward and setting up emergency hospitals and soup kitchens far south of the Ohio river. The idea now is apparently evacuation and caring for huge masses of people fleeing from the larger cities.

This is not being told to create hysteria, for the papers already have mentioned it casually in their columns. However, they mentioned it only casually, and it is presumed that they fear stirring up hysteria. But we think people should be told of the plans now.

The Secretary of the Air Force last week stated that one medium size bomber carrying a hydrogen bomb could unleash more destruction on a city than all the bombs dropped in World War II. And he added there is no means of preventing some of the 600-mile-an-hour jet bombers from getting through.

But the stark truth is even more devastating. Whereas people a few months ago were being warned, in event of an A-bombing, to avoid radiation and blast, the military and nuclear scientists now warn that radiation and blast are not the only fatal aftermaths in case one is fortunate to survive a bomb detonation. The danger from the hydrogen bomb, in the light of what was learned in the recent Pacific tests, is from the "fall-out" of radioactive particles. These radioactive particles result from the huge crater blown in the ground, the pulverized earth and debris being blown miles upward into the air and then carried by the wind hundreds of miles. The danger area around an H-bomb blast now is considered 300 miles in any direction the wind is blowing. Fall-outs are estimated to extend from 30 to 100 miles in width and from 100 to 300 miles in length, depending on the wind and atmospheric conditions. The fall-out, scientists say, will cause major catastrophes over wide areas since the radioactive particles not only will contaminate the air but also will contaminate water supplies, food and anything they fall on. Thus the danger from bombing is not alone to the cities but to surrounding countryside as far away as 300 miles. And, too, the danger may be undetectable since the "fall-out" is invisible and odorless.

It is entirely possible, we are told, that one H-bomb dropped on Dayton, Ohio could lay waste all the territory from Dayton to Lexington, Ky. over a width of from 30 to 100 miles.

As A. A. Berle, Jr. wrote last week in The Reporter, "We are in a substantial military danger now, and the danger will increase. Our military experts understand this perfectly. Our war colleges study it anxiously and continuously. We could be atom-bombed tonight by long-range Soviet aircraft. No adequate defense against such an attack has yet been worked out. . . . The hard fact is our foreign relations now are necessarily conducted against a background of Buck Rogers come true."

And former Air Force Secretary Thomas K. Finletter in his new book POWER AND POLICY: U. S. FOREIGN POLICY AND MILITARY POWER IN THE HYDROGEN AGE, published last week, states America's atomic superiority is coming to an end and we are entering a new age of thermonuclear plenty where the Soviets will soon (possibly in 1955 or 1956) have enough bombs and enough planes to deliver them, to knock out the United States in a single sneak blow. It is noteworthy that Mr. Finletter as well as Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Mr. Berle and President Eisenhower have each stated in recent days that since no adequate defense is possible, there is, however, an adequate deterrent. That is America's ability to retaliate terribly.

And in coming months, with so many brass members of the GOP advocating blockades, reprisals, strikes by the Air Force and 7th Fleet, it would be well for all Americans, Congressmen and Senators included, to heed this warning given last month by the world's foremost historian, Arnold Toynbee of England while talking to reporters in Chicago:

"Patience is your need above all. Americans want to act directly to end their troubles—a most dangerous course in the world today. And in this day, when the means exist to blot out the human race, we must all mind our words and not say more than we mean. Americans are used to a margin of safety they no longer have."

Mr. Toynbee has spent his life studying the history of the world, tracing the rise and fall of civilizations back 20 centuries. Civilization now can be destroyed in an afternoon.

Columnist Fulton Lewis, Jr. writes that "opponents of Senator McCarthy criticize the methods used by McCarthy in exposing Communists." We would like to know the name of one Communist McCarthy has exposed despite the \$870,000 he and his committee have spent.

Religion is a great help to an individual in hours of stress, but it won't do you any good unless you have some of it.

Whenever they kiss and make up, she gets the kiss and he gets the makeup.

MORGAN CROPS SELL HIGH

One Morgan county producer, John Cundiff, led the entire Lexington market with his \$66.58 average on 3.862 pounds on Friday, Dec. 10.

Other Morgan counties who averaged over \$60 on their crops include Boyd Anderson and W. Manning, 3.872 pounds, \$63.96 average; Roy May, 1.300, \$64.02; Hobart and A. M. DeBusk, 1.450, \$65.81; Ora Cundiff, 1.224, \$63.64; Russell and Clara Roe, 2.294, \$65.09; J. E. McKinney, 1.206, \$63.62; Joseph and J. L. Gevedon, 2.062, \$65.26; Linville Hanley and J. A. Gevedon, 1.522, \$64.29; W. M. Wheeler and Evans, 1.166, \$63.04; Henry E. Nickell, 2.742, \$64.53; C. F. Cecil and Son, 1.830, \$63.49; W. M. Wheeler and Sam Trent, 2.818, \$62.87; J. P. Wheeler and Bert Ratliff, 6.054, \$60.49; D. Howard, 1.462, \$61.58.

G. W. Wallins, 2.032, \$60; Clifford Haney, 1.792, \$61.45; Dave Phipps, 1.436, \$63.84; R. E. Walters, 1.902, \$65.54, and 1.560, \$63.70; Elijah Allen, 4.408, \$61.13; C. S. Jackson, 1.376, \$61.01; Elwood Wilson, 2.856, \$60.12; Chas. Russell, 1.478, \$61.40; Susie Wilson, 1.644, \$61.27; Doyle Perkins, 1.958, \$60.13; Mary Cecil, 1.234, \$62.79; E. H. Cecil, 1.216, \$63.65; Forest Wheeler, 1.668, \$62.55; J. F. Gevedon, 1.506, \$63.05; Nola Rogers and Vernon Gevedon, 3.126, \$63.22; W. M. Wheeler, 3.108, \$60.94.

ticularly Wayne, Pulaski and Rockcastle, have been in greatest demand at Kentucky auctions, with many crops from these sections topping the daily auctions here. While pool consignments during the early sales in Lexington have been considerably under the percentage consigned throughout the rest of the state, they still are much heavier than a year ago. Heaviest among the tobacco going to the pool for want of bids above support levels are the tobaccos from the inner bluegrass region, whose leaf this season seems to be both heavier bodied and more heavily stripped than crops coming in from other regions.

BANK ROBBERS

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The sheriff explained that he knew Carter and Metcalf, knew that they stayed at the Lewis home and that they had a black Mercury car. Sheriff Lykins said that when he examined the car, it bore Ohio rather than Kentucky license plates. However, the sheriff testified the Ohio plates appeared to have been recently attached.

State Trooper Charles Hackley arrived at the Lewis home while the sheriff and his deputy were talking to Carter and Metcalf. The two men were placed under arrest and removed to the Louisa jail, Sheriff Lykins said.

The statement, Campbell said, was signed by Metcalf in the Lawrence county jail at Louisa, after Metcalf had read it over and written at the bottom of it, "I have read this statement and I fully understand what it means, and it is true."

Campbell testified that he took down the statement from Metcalf in the presence of another special FBI agent, Robert L. Suwe, Ashland. The statement was made voluntarily by Metcalf, Campbell said.

Defense attorneys sought to

show in the trial that Metcalf did not make the statement voluntarily. A pre-trial motion was to bar the statement from evidence on grounds it was not made voluntarily and was obtained in violation of criminal law procedures. Judge Mac Swinford, Cynthiana, agreed, however, to admit the statement, overruling the defense motion.

Judge Swinford instructed the jury, though, to disregard the statement entirely in any connection with Carter's trial as the statement had not been made in Carter's presence.

The statement related that Metcalf was born at East Bernstadt, Ky., and that on last Nov. 18th he and Carter went to Sandy Hook to fix up plans to rob the bank there. It continued that Metcalf and Carter walked by the bank, tried to look inside it but could not see clearly because of venetian blinds at the windows. Then they planned a getaway route and spent that night at Morehead.

Next day, according to the statement, they drove back to Sandy Hook in Carter's black Mercury sedan, which they parked near the bank, and watched the bank from the car for awhile. When they got out of the car, each put on a leather glove before walking into the bank.

Metcalf's statement said that they pulled their guns and told the man in the bank that it was a holdup, demanding all of the money. A paper bag was used for the money taken from the cash drawer and from the vault. Afterwards, the statement said, Metcalf and Carter locked the man and woman employees of the bank in the vault, telling them not to try to get out for five minutes.

Then, according to the statement, Metcalf and Carter left the bank by a rear door, ran down an alley and went to their car. From Sandy Hook they drove to Zag, and hid the money, the statement concluded.

Campbell said that when Metcalf was given the statement to read over for any corrections that Metcalf asked that only one word be scratched out. He said the word was "there," coming at the end of the statement referring to driving to Zag and hiding the money "there."

Trial of the case began yesterday afternoon in United States District Court, testimony of the prosecution witnesses pointing to Carter and Metcalf as the two men seen entering the bank just before closing time on Friday, Nov. 19.

The two defendants were arrested the night of the robbery at the home of George Lewis at Zag, Ky., after a car that fit the description of the bank bandits' getaway vehicle was spotted in front of the Lewis home. Lewis was questioned in connection with the robbery and exonerated of any complicity in the case, according to Morgan County Sheriff Aaron Lykins.

Both defendants in answer to questions put to them by one of their attorneys, Ralph Walter, West Liberty, denied that they were in Sandy Hook on the day of the robbery. They claimed they were at the home of George Lewis at Zag at 1:30 p.m. that day. The bank was supposed to have been robbed at about 10 minutes of 2.

Metcalf's testimony refused in

substance the statement he allegedly gave to the FBI agents at Louisa.

The defendants told the jury they had been at Sandy Hook on Thursday, Nov. 18, and that Metcalf went into a store there and got \$3 in bills for some change he had. Later that day they said they went to West Liberty, attended a show, ate a snack afterwards and returned to a motel that night at Morehead.

Next day—the day of the robbery—they claimed they started to Zag where Carter had been engaged in cutting some timber with Lewis. They said it started raining heavily and that they waited in Morehead until about 11:30 a.m. then drove to Zag in Carter's car by a route that did not go through Sandy Hook. They did not know the number of the highway.

They claimed they arrived at the Lewis home at about 1:30 p.m. and did not leave there until officers came to the Lewis home that night and took them in custody. They said they did not attempt to leave the house when Mr. Lewis reported that someone was coming toward the home.

Metcalf told that he was AWOL from the Army at Fort Reilly, Kan., and that was the reason he gave a fictitious name in registering at a motel in Morehead Thursday night.

WHITT CHILD DIES

Randall Whitt, seven-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Berlin Whitt, died at Wrigley Monday. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Wrigley and burial was made in the Winkelman cemetery under direction of the West Liberty Funeral Home. Survivors are the parents and one brother.

MALONE 4-H CLUB

The Malone 4-H club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Estill Steele Monday night, with Helen Steele presiding. The club sang two songs, and the roll call was answered by naming a farm product sold.

Members present were Sue and Deloris Evans, Judy Barker, Jettie Bach, Doris and Helen Steele, Jimmie Benton and Mrs. Steele. Visitors were Nannie and Billy Bach, Alvie Evans, Ruby Barker and Bishop Benton.

The program, about farm products, was as follows—Tobacco History—Doris Steele Going to Market—Sue Evans Home Use for Tobacco—Jettie Bach Auction Selling—Deloris Evans Cigarettes—Jimmie Benton Burley Tobacco—Judy Barker.

MET TO QUILT

Those who met at the Christian church Thursday afternoon and quilted were: Grace Wells, Stella Fannin, Myrtle Blankenship, Dixie Carter, Eliza Wells, Carrie Elam, Vic McClain, Hazel May, Josephine McGuire and Mrs. W. H. Wells.

Mrs. W. H. Wells was in charge of the devotional, reading Psalm 121 and offering prayer. The Aid also met Tuesday, December 14, for quilting and other work.

NOTICE

County Court Clerk Austin Hill states that 1955 car and truck licenses are now on sale at the clerk's office and may be displayed Dec. 29.



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joining hands with neighbors

to wish you well.

West Liberty Hospital

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James Whitt, West Liberty, 6670 lbs., \$59.30.

Reginald Easterling, 1714 lbs., \$60.04.

Reginald and David Easterling, Blairs Mills, 2598 lbs., \$57.94.

Buford Gullett, Stacy Fork, 2480 lbs., \$62.41.

Betty McQuinn, Helechwah, 2470 lbs., \$58.06.

J. F. Mays, Kellacey, 1630 lbs., \$62.41.

Clay Collins and Olan Sargent, Blaze, 3588 lbs., \$61.82.

Willard Whitt and Nellie Whitt, Redwine, 1400 lbs., \$63.07.

Julia Adkins, Redwine, 1576 lbs., \$63.20.

Clifford Whitt, G. Howard, 4200 lbs., \$57.97.

Wendell Crouch, Zag, 2420 lbs., \$57.90.

B. H. Cantrell, Silver Hill, 1734 lbs., \$59.78.

Joe Logan Gevedon and Edgar Gibbs, Grassy Creek, 2062 lbs., \$65.26.

C. A. Fugate and Herbert Manning, Grassy Creek, 4608 lbs., \$59.62.

Scott Wilson, Daysboro, 2300 lbs., \$57.00.

E. B. Little, Daysboro, 2510 lbs., \$60.11.

Raymond Whitt, Wrigley, 2198 lbs., \$62.02.

D. M. Gevedon, Pomp, 1704 lbs., \$59.01.

Garfield Whitt, Wrigley, 3600 lbs., \$58.86.

Glen Clevenger, Wrigley, 2033 lbs., \$60.38.

Robert Adkins, Wrigley, 1544 lbs., \$60.80.

Charlie Russell, Grassy Creek, 1600 lbs., \$61.40.

Wm. H. Henry, Cottle, 2270 lbs., \$64.22.

Charley Nickell, Daysboro, 2898 lbs., \$63.50.

Olen Perry, R. 3, Morehead, 2725 lbs., \$59.87.

Elwood Wilson, Buskirk, 2856 lbs., \$60.12.

M. H. Bishop and Luster Bishop, Blaze, 2074 lbs., \$59.50.

Nola, Roger and Vernon Gevedon, Nickell, 3118 lbs., \$63.22.

Roy Easterling, Blairs Mills, \$61.66.

David Easterling and Sherman Brown, Blairs Mills, 1768 lbs., \$62.87.

Wavelin Lewis, Blaze, 3640 lbs., \$58.94.

Luther McClurg, Blaze, 1846 lbs., \$64.00.

Virgil Clevenger, Pomp, 3862 lbs., \$64.36.

Ray Blair & Burman Lewis, Blaze, 2700 lbs., \$59.77.

J. E. Kash, Daysboro, 3156 lbs., \$60.05.

D. M. Gevedon, Pomp, 2344 lbs., \$59.92.

Orville Caskey, Pomp, 768 lbs., \$64.98.

Dave Phipps, Payton, 1436 lbs., \$63.84.

Sherman Brown, Blairs Mills, 2082 lbs., \$57.80.

Perry Haney, R. 3, Morehead, 1300 lbs., \$60.57.

Hasson Clevenger, Pomp, 2684 lbs., \$61.66.

Society -- Personals

Phone 111

West Liberty, Ky.

Sgt. Jay Blanton of Smoky Hill Air Force Base, Salina, Kansas, is here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Conley of Zag were in West Liberty Tuesday. Mr. Conley was in Lexington Monday when his tobacco sold.

Police Judge John Helton said there were three cases of drunkenness over the week end and that a fine of \$25.50 was paid in each case.

Frank Lewis who has been confined to his room by illness for several days, is reported improved this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Stacy were in Winchester Thursday.

Ollie Lykins of near Pikeston, Ohio spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Morgan county with friends. He had visited in Johnson and Magoffin counties before coming here.

Bill McKenzie of Farmer City, Ill. came Wednesday and will spend several days with relatives in West Liberty. He is a former West Liberty chief of police.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Osborne of Middletown, O. visited his mother, Mrs. Mary McGuire at Lacy Creek Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Osborne said he could not do without the Licking Valley Courier as it kept him informed of what was going on back home.

Mrs. F. M. Prince of Sandy Hook has been a patient in West Liberty Hospital and is reported to be improving.



Season's Greetings

Gone is the Old Year. Let's Greet the New.

HOWARD BEAUTY SHOP
WEST LIBERTY, KY.

Music Features Yuletide Program At Meeting of Woman's Club Dec. 14

A duet sung by Mrs. J. Ryan Nevius and Mrs. Victor Terrell, accompanied on the harp played by Mrs. Nevius was a feature of the program for the annual Christmas party for the Morgan County Woman's Club which was held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Blair Tuesday evening.

Mrs. C. K. Stacy, Mrs. Mae Wells and Mrs. H. D. Potter were in charge of the program which was entitled "Christmas Night," and told the birth of Christ in story and song. Others taking part in the program were Mrs. W. H. Wells, who gave the Scripture reading of the birth of Christ. Mrs. Ralph Gullett and Mrs. Mae Wells gave readings. Members joined in singing "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Come Upon the Midnight Clear," "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Joy to the World." Mrs. Nevius and Mrs. Terrell sang "Away in a Manger," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," and "Silent Night." Mrs. Nevius sang soprano and played the harp while Mrs. Terrell sang alto.

Mrs. Crystal Howard, president, presided over a short business session. Games were played and Mrs. Mae Wells won a prize for high score in a game. Gifts were distributed by each one drawing a half of a Christmas card and matching it to the other half of the card on the gifts.

The Blair home was most artistic with decorations in the Christmas motif.

The refreshments were dainty decorated jam cakes made from a recipe Mrs. Blair received when she was a bride, ice cream and homemade mints, tea and coffee.

The assisting hostesses were Mrs. Joe Haney, Mrs. W. H. Wells, Mrs. H. D. Potter, Mrs. Mae Wells and Mrs. Clyde Adams.

Those present were Mrs. J. Ryan Nevius, Mrs. Victor Terrell, Mrs. Earl Kinner, Mrs. Charles Gullett, Mrs. J. L. Blair, Mrs. Ralph Gullett, Mrs. W. H. Wells, Mrs. J. C. Nickell, Mrs. Roland Stacy, Miss Florence McGuire, Mrs. Harold Hammond, Mrs. Mae Wells, Mrs. C. K. Stacy, Mrs. Crystal Howard, Mrs. Woodrow Stamper, Mrs. H. B. Murray, Mrs. Joe Haney, Mrs. H. D. Potter and Miss Diana Jo Haney.

Amos Cantrill of California is returning to Morgan Jan. 15. He is from San Lick. His grandson has been sent to Hawaii.

Earl Tredway has a living Christmas tree decorated in his yard.

Austin Hill was in Sandy Hook on business Saturday.

Rev. Harlen Murphy will fill his regular appointment at the Old Grassy church Sunday at 11 a.m. Everyone invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vest and son Maxwell of Grassy Creek spent Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. Harlen Murphy. Maxwell was discharged from the Army Dec. 3.

SCHOOL OUT FRIDAY

The Morgan County high and grade school will dismiss Friday for a two weeks Christmas holiday. Classwork will be resumed Monday, Jan. 3.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

To All Taxpayers—After Jan. 1, 1955, the law adds 2% penalty to unpaid taxes. Hope those who have not will come in and pay before that date and save penalty. AARON LYKINS, Sheriff

FRANCES ANN ELAM WEDS MR. MUNSON AT INDEX CHURCH

The marriage of Miss Frances Ann Elam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Elam of Index, to Mr. Hugh Munson, son of Mrs. Myrel Munson of New York, was solemnized in a single ring ceremony December 10 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning in Index Mission Church. Rev. Charles Elam of Elks, Georgia, brother to the bride, was the officiating minister. The church was beautifully decorated with white gladioli and chrysanthemums with the altar flanked on each side with lighted candles.

Preceding the ceremony, a musical program was presented by pianist Miss Anna Verne Smith. Miss Mary Paulo sang, "Oh Jesus We Have Promised" and "Oh Perfect Love."

The bride was preceded to the altar by her maid of honor, Ruth Elam, who wore a floor length gown of pink taffeta and carried a bouquet of yellow roses. The bridesmaid, Joan Hiles, wore a floor length dress of light blue taffeta and lace and also carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

Little Charlotte Elam, niece of the bride, serving as flower girl, was dressed in a floor length gown of blue taffeta and carried a bouquet of pink and white roses.

John Smith of Vanceville served as best man. Ushers were Orlan Moore and David Lee, also of Vanceville.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length gown of white satin fashioned with a fitted bodice which was decorated with tiny pearls. The full skirt was featured with a four foot train. Her fingertip veil of tulle was held in place by a small crown. She carried a bouquet of pink and white roses.

The bride's mother chose for her daughter's wedding a blue dress with black accessories and wore a corsage of white carnations. The groom's mother was dressed in blue with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

A reception immediately following the ceremony was held at the home of the bride's parents, where refreshments of cake and fruit punch were served a group of friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Munson left for a wedding trip to New York. Upon their return they will reside at Tellaga, Ky.

4-H Achievement Day Held Dec. 11

Morgan County 4-H clubs held their annual 4-H Achievement Day Saturday at the theatre in West Liberty. Individual certificates and medals were presented to 75 4-H club members by W. Major Gardner, local attorney and president of the Morgan County 4-H Club Council.

The meeting was called to order by the county vice president, Aquilla Conley. Rev. Raymond Hemphill gave the invocation. Betty Whitt led the group in the pledge to the American flag and the 4-H flag.

Miss Madge Gambill, 4-H member from Johnson county, who was a United States 4-H club exchange representative from Kentucky to Denmark during the past year, was present. Miss Gambill, who is now a senior at Eastern State College, showed many color slides of pictures taken during her visit to Denmark.

The assistant county agent Carl Sinclair showed the color film, "The Fifth."

The parents and leaders who were present included Mr. and Mrs. Curt Jackson, Mrs. E. A. Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hemphill, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Conley and Mrs. Estill Steele.

GULLETT & SPENCER CLINIC BIRTHS

Dec. 8, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Patrick of Ebon, a girl.

Dec. 10, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Litteral of West Liberty, a boy.

Dec. 10, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Howard of Spanglin, a girl.

Dec. 10, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith of Fannin, a boy.

Dec. 11, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hoskins of Stacy Fork, a boy.

"Gardeners" and Guests Enjoy Christmas Party

The West Liberty Garden Club met Friday evening in the basement of the Methodist church for a family Christmas dinner. Mrs. C. K. Stacy and Mrs. Alec Spencer were hostesses.

After dinner Mrs. J. R. Nevius led the group in singing several Christmas carols. Mrs. Nevius then gave a reading, "If I Had Not Come." After other carols were sung Mrs. Ralph Gullett also gave a reading, "The Christmas Angel."

Those present were Mrs. Roy Nickell, Roy Estelle and Barry, Mrs. Blaine Nickell, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Gullett, Mrs. Earl Kinner, Mrs. Earl Price and Charles Michael, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Stacy, Mrs. Pauline Blair, John Blair, Miss Florence McGuire, Miss Josephine McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. James Elam, Mary Pam and Jimmy, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Nevius, Rev. Robert L. Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wells, Dr. and Mrs. Alec Spencer, Darryl, Carolyn and Sandra, Mrs. Rex McGuire and Mike, Mrs. J. C. Nickell, Mrs. Roland Stacy, Mrs. H. D. Potter, Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Gullett, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Gullett, Linda and Ralph Jr.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT METHODIST CHURCH HERE

Mrs. Lloyd Patterson, Mrs. W. Major Gardner and Mrs. Jerald Amys are in charge of the Christmas program at the West Liberty Methodist church. The program will be presented during the regular Sunday school hour, beginning at 10 a.m.

There will be appropriate Bible readings, songs, poems and stories by the children of the church. Following the program, gifts will be exchanged.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Clarence Hurt, 24, son of Chas. Hurt of Campton, and Vergie Alice Puckett, 16, daughter of Buford Hurt of Hazel Green.

WEST LIBERTY FUNERAL HOME AMBULANCE CALLS

Dec. 12, Dave Haney was removed from St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, to his home at Malone.

"Holiday On Ice" Will Be Given In Louisville

"Holiday On Ice," one of the most colorful ice spectacles ever performed will open a nine-day engagement at the Louisville Armory beginning Feb. 1st. The ice show features 26 acts with a cast of 125. Tickets for the production are on sale at \$2.30, \$2.80 and \$3.30.

There will be performances nightly at 8:30 p.m.; on Saturday the Armory will present a special one-half price matinee for children at 2:30 p.m. On Sunday, 2 special performances: the first, a matinee at 2 p.m.; the second, at 6:30 p.m.

Mail orders are being accepted at the Armory. Enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope.



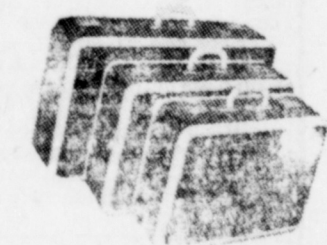
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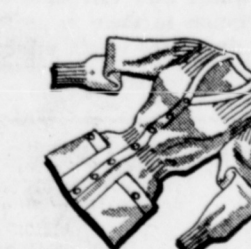
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MOREHEAD EAGLES, with practically all of last season's eagles back, shape up as a power-packed hardwood outfit. Squad members are left to right, seated: Len Carpenter, Salsersville; Phil Stone, Olive Hill; Don Gaunce, Carlisle; Jess Mayabb, Middletown, Ohio; Ken Thompson, Stockdale, Ohio; Jerry Riddle, Morehead; Don Whitehouse, Louisville; Woodrow Tolle, Maysville. Standing: Head Coach Bobby Laughlin, Tom Breze, Maysville; Gene Carroll, Huntington, Ind.; Dan Swartz, Owensville; Steve Hamilton, Charlestown, Ind.; Bernard Shinfessal, Cynthiana; manager Joe Wheeler, Thornton Hill, West Liberty; Omar Fannin, Inez; Scott Parks, London; Howard Shumate, Vanceburg; and Assistant Coach Sonny Allen.

EZEL HI SCHOOL HAS YULE RITES

The Ezel school will close Dec. 17 for Christmas holidays and reopen Jan. 3.

The Christmas program was given by the young people Sunday night at the church auditorium. A large crowd attended. The program was entitled "Why The Chimes Rang."

The annual Christmas sale of clothing and toys was held at the store last week and more than 300 people attended. The store is open each week day except Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will be closed for the holidays.

Visitors From Pittsburgh

Mrs. Edgar B. Murdock, retiring secretary of the Board of Pittsburgh, and the new secretary, Mrs. Fred B. Blick of Pittsburgh, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Heagan and Ezel school and the church this week.

New Teacher Coming

Mrs. Duncan Henry of Boone, Iowa, will be a new teacher in the high school Jan. 3. Mrs. Henry and her husband were missionaries in Ethiopia for 20 years. Mr. Henry died about a year ago. Mrs. Henry has taught in Iowa and was head of a school in Ethiopia. Her husband was imprisoned by the Italians in World War I when they took over Ethiopia.

Visit In Greenville, S. C.

Miss Wanda Agner and Miss Lois Raube spent Thanksgiving at Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Ezel News Notes

The new home for nurses at the Frenchburg hospital was dedicated last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Heagan will spend the Christmas holidays with his mother and Mrs. Heagan's mother in Cannonsburg and New Wilmington, Pa.

Miss Wanda Agner will spend her holidays at her home on a farm near Fargo on the Red River in Minnesota.

Miss Marilyn Tauge will spend the holidays at her home at Belville, Minnesota.

Dillard Murphy and Boyd Anderson said Ezel now is one of the best communities they have anywhere. Boyd Anderson added that the change that has taken place at Ezel in the last 20 years is wonderful and that now they have one of the finest communities anywhere. He also said that back in the old days he worked hard and could barely make a living and now he makes more and works a great deal less. Dillard said he did not plan to ever leave Ezel. He is happy about his community. They added that people who left Ezel were never satisfied.

A new road from Ezel up the Flat Rock Fork of Blackwater to Pine Grove and connecting with U. S. Highway 460 is a distance of nine miles and the school bus

picks up about 50 or 60 children on the run.

MATTHEW

(By Pauline Jenkins)

Mr. and Mrs. Hassel Helton have moved to their new home and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nickell and family moved to the house vacated by the Heltons.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kennard of Middletown, O. visited over the week end her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. McGraw.

A birthday dinner was served in honor of Ova Jenkins recently. Those helping eat the dinner included Mr. and Mrs. Gobel Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jenkins, Misses Shirley and Judy McGuire.

Paul Brown made a business trip to Paintsville Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Vold Blanton of Morrow, O. spent the week end here.

TO REPAIR BRIDGES

The State Highway Department last week awarded contract to Richard Short of Olive Hill for the repair of four bridges over Little Fork creek and one over Dry Fork creek in Carter county. His bid was \$47,878.

AT CONFERENCE

Carl W. Sinclair, the assistant county agent of Morgan county, is attending a conference of all county agents and home agents this week Monday, Dec. 13 till Dec. 17.

Courier Want Ads Pay!

FARMERS WILL STAY IN CURRENT COST-PRICE SQUEEZE SITUATION

Despite a forecast of general economic stability, farmers will remain in the present cost-price squeeze situation, says the monthly report of the University of Kentucky Department of Agricultural Economics.

The buying power of farm products has continued to decline. So stated the report. The ratio between prices received and costs now stands at 87, whereas the "fair" exchange ratio set by Congress is 100. Tobacco, cotton and apples were the only major farm products on Oct. 15 whose price was equal to or above 100 percent of parity, the report says.

CATTLE: Prices of cattle are expected to remain at about the present levels during the next month. Receipts of better grades may decline, but marketings of lower grades and grass-fed stock may continue large.

Lower marketings of slaughter cattle during October, compared with a year earlier, strengthened prices, with gains of \$1 to \$2 for most weights and grades. Heifers moved up \$2. Marketings of veal calves increased seasonally. Demand and supply of feeder cattle where well balanced during October, with prices holding steady.

HOGS: Because of early marketings of spring pigs, hog prices are expected to hold at about the present level. The average level of hog prices in October was the lowest since January, 1953, and the lowest for October in five years. Marketings of hogs in October were among the largest on record.

LAMBS: Prices of lambs in October made their first advance in four months, with the top in Chicago within 50 cents of the high price a year ago. Marketings of fed lambs during the coming months should be about in line with marketings during the fed-lamb season last year.

ALLOTMENTS FOR BURLEY ARE CUT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The Agriculture Department yesterday announced a 1955 crop acreage allotment of 362,000 acres for burley tobacco, which this year was allotted 397,000 acres under a production control program.

The department said this means burley allotments for most individual farms will be about 10 percent less than this year. Burley was grown on an estimated 396,300 acres this year.

The acreage reduction will total 9.62 percent. W. Leonard Rouse, state administrative assistant for the Kentucky Stabilization and Conservation Committee said at Lexington. He explained that the cutback will apply to all allotments having a base of more than seven-tenths of an acre.

The allotments will be accompanied by rigid marketing quotas designed to limit sales to burley grown on allotted acres. Growers in 1953 referendum approved quotas for a three-year period.

The department said the 1955 planting allotment should produce a crop of about 478,000,000 pounds, compared with this year's estimated crop of 582,000,000 pounds.

The department said the carry-over supply of burley now totals about 1,198,000,000 pounds, the largest on record.

Domestic usage of burley for the market year ending last September 30 totaled 500,000,000 pounds, or about 4 percent less than the previous year. Burley exports were listed at 35,000,000 pounds—about 6,000,000 above that for the previous year.

SCHOOL TO BROADCAST
The Ezel school will broadcast a special program over station WMTC at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29. The program will be introduced and announced by Miss Wanda Aigner.



1954 Let's Remember the True Spirit of Christmas

WESTERN AUTO
Robert Caskey, Owner
West Liberty, Ky.

DAIRY PRODUCTS: Prices received by farmers for milk and butterfat are expected to continue at or near present levels during the rest of 1954. The demand for milk for bottling continues strong, with local supplies inadequate in most Kentucky markets. Farmers have been receiving some higher prices for milk both for bottling and for manufacturing dairy products.

POULTRY AND EGGS: Not much change is expected in egg and poultry prices. Egg production has been running 10 percent above last year and 20 percent over the 10-year average. Storage stocks of shell eggs are high. Demand is expected to continue strong but supplies will be adequate to meet needs.

Poultry prices have been depressed for several weeks, due to large supplies. There is an abundant supply of hens and turkeys and not much change is expected in prices. Turkey production is 8 percent over last year, and farm prices are five to eight cents a pound less.

TOBACCO: The support level for burley tobacco from the 1954 crop is set at 46.4 cents a pound, a decrease of 0.2 cent a pound from that of a year ago. Loan rates by grades will be changed slightly from those of last year. Grades of flyings will be supported at the same levels as a year ago. Supports for most grades of lugs are one cent a pound lower than 1953 crop supports. Leaf and tip grades will be mostly one cent lower; but loan rates on several of the grades of green tobacco will be two cents a pound lower than last year. Rates on a few grades of leaf and tips remain unchanged.

Farmers Told About Fescue Seed Supply

The Kentucky Seed Improvement Association has announced that the Alta fescue seed crop in the Northwest was only about 40 percent of last year's production. Most of the Pacific Coast seed has been sold, it is stated, and "it is thought that the market could advance 2 or 3 cents a pound by early spring."

"It is our opinion," the seed association says, "that if Kentucky farmers plant all of the Ky 31 fescue they would like to plant in the spring of 1955, all of the present supply of seed will be used up."

Farmers Now Eligible For Social Security

New legislation makes farmers and farm workers eligible for social security benefits.

Farmers or tenant farmers who make as much as \$400 profits in a year are covered by the program, according to information received by assistant county agent, Carl W. Sinclair. They will not have to pay for 1954 earnings, but early in 1955 they will make a social security report of their 1955 earnings and pay tax on them. This report is part of the income tax return.

Pamphlets explaining this new law are available for distribution to farmers at the Extension service office upstairs in the court house.

THE LITTLE VILLAGE TOWN

I'll take a little village town Where folks are more at ease. Where cozy dwellings nestle long

A lane of shady trees. Where everyone is neighborly. And plain simplicity Has reins on matters and their course.

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COTTLE

(By Nora Cottle)

Dec. 12—Pfc. Jackie Patrick of Ft. Bragg, N. C., spent last week end with his mother, the writer. H. B. Cottle and Darrell Williams left today for Dayton, O. after spending the week end at home.

Mrs. Vinson Williams and Leova and Laura Williams visited Mrs. J. V. Henry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kash Cottle and son Junior returned home after spending a few weeks at Balti-

more, Md.

The infant daughter of Lee Brooks has been seriously ill. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Perry were in West Liberty Saturday.

Shirley and Phyllis Patrick attended church and Sunday school at West Liberty today.

Holly Bell Dennis and son visited her sister, Mrs. Byron Collins last week.

If you want to buy, sell or trade, try a Want Ad in the Courier—results will amaze you!



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Heavy Use of Nitrogen Blamed For Low Quality of Tobacco This Year

Increases Burley's Nicotine Content, Experts Contend

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 7.—Kentucky burley-tobacco farmers who persist in using too much nitrogen for fertilization purposes are cutting off their noses to spite their faces.

That is the opinion of Kentucky farm experts.

Farmers and professional agronomists have been aware for many years that a lack of nitrogen—a valuable plant food supplied by various fertilizers—reduces the yield and quality of burley.

The farmers seem to have forgotten, however, that an over-supply of nitrogen in cropland

used for burley not only delays maturity of the tobacco but also lowers its quality, the experts say.

The bulk of burley brought to market in recent years bears the mark of this forgetfulness. It has a high content of nicotine and other harsh compounds distasteful to the average cigarette smoker.

The unusually high content of these harsh compounds is brought about entirely by use of too much nitrogen in soil where burley is raised.

It's no secret in the tobacco industry generally that use of burley in cigarette blends has declined sharply because of its high-nicotine content.

The situation is a part of a big, vicious circle.

In order to offset reductions in burley-acreage allotments ordered by the United States Department of Agriculture in recent years, farmers have tried to increase their yields per acre pound wise.

And they have succeeded. Within less than 20 years, the average yield per acre of burley in Kentucky has risen sharply from 800 pounds to a little more than 1,400 pounds. Today, crops yielding from 1,800 to 2,200 pounds to the acre have become common.

In order to get this high yield, farmers have used more and more nitrogen as fertilizer.

And by using more nitrogen, they are lowering the quality of burley they produce and are seriously injuring the cropland on their farms—especially if they do not practice crop rotation.

If burley is replanted year after year on the same plot of ground and too much nitrogen is used for fertilization, the structure of the soil in the plot will be broken down, the farm experts continued.

Agronomists attached to the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture pointed out recently that it has been found that good tobacco can be produced in short rotations when good stands of grass and legumes are maintained in the rotation.

The tobacco specialists warned, however, that any grower using the same piece of land for tobacco each year should have an additional built-up field available in case he is forced to leave the original plot.

Kentucky farmers can continue to make high yields per acre without excessive nitrogen, the U. K. specialists said. This can be accomplished by the crop rotation system and proper fertilization.

If these accepted practices are followed, Kentucky farmers will produce a burley of lower nicotine content—one that manufacturers will use to a greater degree in their cigarette blends, they added.

Thus farmers will not only be helping themselves but everyone else connected with the vast burley-tobacco industry.

Sales Report of the Farmers Stock Yards At Flemingsburg, Ky.

Dec. 11, 1954—
HOGS — Packers 18.70; Sows 13.60-20.00; Stock Hogs 12.00-21.00; Shoats 17.80-20.25.

CATTLE — Steers 19.40; Heifers 18.90; Baby Heifers 22.90; Cutter Cows 3.90-7.10; Fat Cows 8.00-15.00; Springers, Fresh Cows 46.00-117.00; Bulls 10.40-12.30; Stock Steers 11.00-18.00; Stock Heifers 48.00-70.00; Cows and Calves 61.00-100.00; Stock Bulls 8.70-11.40; Baby Bulls 32.00-54.00.

SHEEP & LAMBS — Top Ewes and Bucks 18.75.

CALVES — Top Veals 25.50; Medium 19.00; Common and Lge. 16.90-23.00.

Incomes of \$234 to \$337 a cow over feed costs were reported by dairymen in Grant county.

LEMASTER FREED IN WIFE'S DEATH, POSING MYSTERY

GRAYSON, Ky., Dec. 9.—The Carter county grand jury adjourned today without action on the death of Mrs. Grace Lemasters, indicating that the case is finally, if not officially, closed.

The jury referred the mystery to the next court term in March. Court attaches said privately that while this "kept the case open," they believed it would be dropped unless evidence of foul play could be uncovered.

The body of Mrs. Lemasters, a 61-year-old housewife, was discovered fully clothed, standing upright, submerged in a well on the porch several hours after fire destroyed her home at nearby Rush, last Nov. 15.

Jack Lemasters, 55, the husband she had divorced but with whom she had started court action have the divorce set aside, escaped without injury but was held several days after the fire on a charge of being intoxicated.

He could offer no explanation for the fire and Mrs. Lemasters' death, but he said he may have accidentally started the fire by dropping a lighted cigarette in his bedroom.

Carter County Sheriff Chester Greenhill said last Thursday no charge will be placed against 55-year-old Jack Lemaster in the death of his wife, Grace, 61, whose body was found in a well under their burned home at Rush Nov. 16.

The Sheriff made this announcement after Lemaster had undergone a five-hour lie-detector test in Lexington. "There was nothing to indicate Lemaster was not telling the truth," the Sheriff said.

And so another unsolved death has been added to the growing list of mysterious deaths in Eastern Kentucky in recent years.

On the morning of Nov. 16 fire destroyed the two-story frame home of Jack Lemaster, 55, and his divorced wife, Grace, 61. Lemaster was intoxicated and escaped with minor burns. He was jailed on a drunkenness charge.

Six hours later searchers found Mrs. Lemaster's body submerged at the bottom of a well located on the spot where the back porch had once stood. The body was upright. A scarf was over her head, pocketbook over one arm, eyeglasses in place. She was fully clothed, even to topcoat. It was as if she had started on a trip and stepped into the well feet-first.

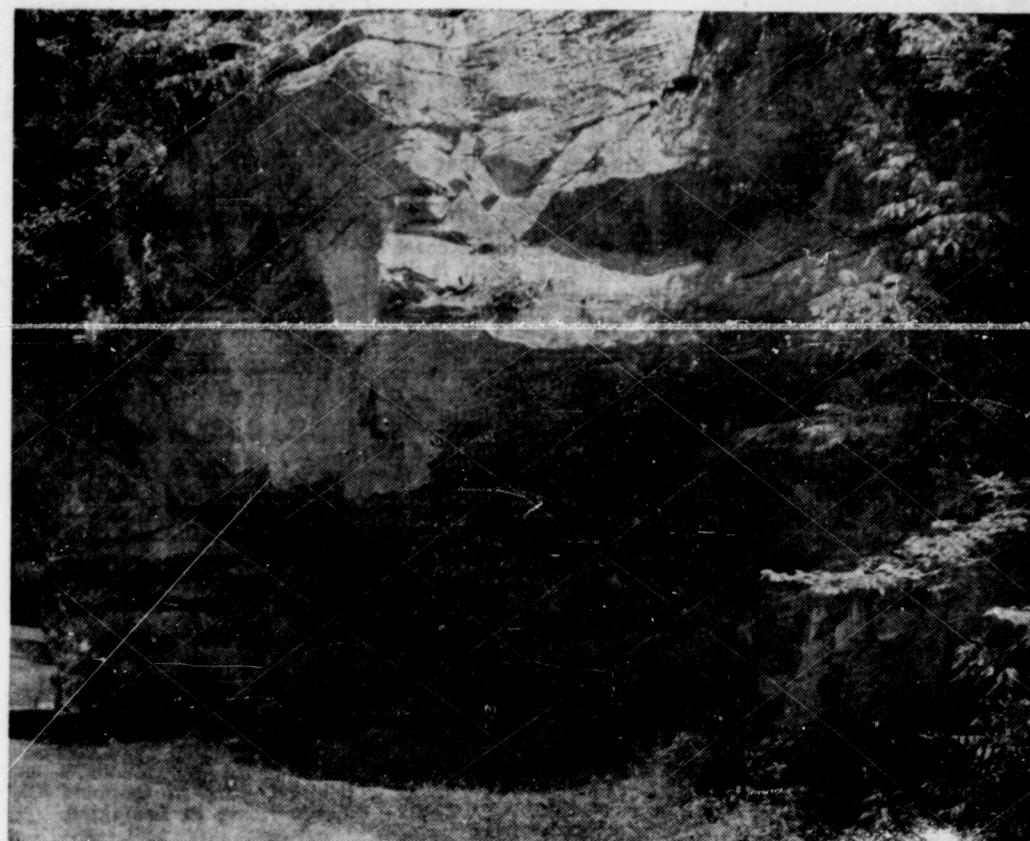
Lemaster, when he could be questioned, could offer no explanation. He said he might have started the fire with a cigarette but he had no recollection of doing that.

In an effort to end the mystery, the odd-jobs man voluntarily underwent a lie detector test at Lexington Monday of last week. The test, said Carter County Sheriff Chester Greenhill, revealed "nothing to indicate he wasn't telling the truth."

An autopsy showed Mrs. Lemaster died of a ruptured vessel in the heart, perhaps from over-exertion. The coroner expressed the belief she was dead before submersion. But no one yet has been able to explain how she—or her body—got into the well.

The Lemaster home was at Rush, eight miles east of Grayson.

Ledge Along Mud Lick Creek Is Scene Of Jenny Wiley Captivity



Courier-Journal Photo by Gerald Griffin

Under this ledge, legend has it, Jenny Wiley and her Shawnee captors took shelter. Known as Jenny Wiley Rock, it overhangs KY 172 seven miles from Paintsville.

By GERALD GRIFFIN
In The Courier-Journal

Man and the elements have gradually removed much of the huge overhanging ledge of sandstone along Mud Lick Creek, on the West Liberty-Red Bush-Paintsville road, seven miles northwest of Paintsville in Johnson county.

But the legend, that under it in a cave-like opening the heroic Jenny Wiley and the Shawnees who held her captive for half a year once took shelter, persists as strongly as ever.

The rock ledge, still called Jenny Wiley Rock, overhangs KY 172. A large part of the cliff was blasted away by contractors building the road.

Jenny Wiley's Indian captors were camped under the ledge in April, 1789, when Jenny heard the fiendish yells of her captors as they burned a young white prisoner at the stake. And there she was told by the Shawnees that she was next to go and in the same manner.

That's the place where an old Cherokee chief brought her from Black Wolf, the Shawnee who claimed her, for a bag of trinkets, or so the story goes. And that's the place from which she made her celebrated dash for freedom.

The Big Sandy Valley is rich in legends, handed down by descendants of Jenny—Virginia Selards Wiley—who died in 1831 at the age of 71, and is buried, along with her husband, Thomas in Johnson County.

The story of Jenny Wiley is well known in the Big Sandy country, where she and Thomas came to make their home in the wilderness in 1800 despite her previous terrifying experiences at the hands of the savages.

The 1789 incident began when

Jennie, with her four small children and 15-year old brother, was going about her husband's chores in the cabin in Ab's Valley, deep in the wilds of western Virginia. Thomas had gone to the settlement to sell herbs he had dug that day.

A band of Shawnees, accompanied by a lone Cherokee, burst into the house, tomahawked three children and the brother, and dragged Jennie and her baby with them. Before long they bashed the baby's brains out against a tree.

For half a year, Jennie was a slave of the Indians. They forced her to accompany them down the Tug Fork to the Big Sandy and down the Ohio to the mouth of Little Sandy below what is now Portsmouth, Ohio. There they changed their minds about continuing to the Shawnee towns at what is now Chillicothe, Ohio, because the Ohio River was in flood and crossing was impossible.

They went up the Little Sandy and camped a long time on the Cherokee Fork of Big Blaine Creek. There she gave birth to a son in a cave. But the Indians soon murdered the baby when it cried on being placed on a floating chunk. When the baby cried the Indians took that as a sign he wouldn't grow up into a brave warrior.

Finally the band reached the place now known as the Jenny Wiley Rock. It was a good place to camp. The overhang provided shelter from rain. Little Mud Creek provided drinking water.

When the old Cherokee bought Jennie, he tied her to a tree with strips of deerskin, then went off into the woods on a hunting trip with his Shawnee companions. When they were gone it began to rain. The thongs loosened and Jennie broke away.

The Indians followed her. They even passed within a few feet of where she had crawled into a hollow log one night. But the next day she made her way to the mouth of Little Paint Creek. Just across the Levisa Fork was the blockhouse of Mathis Harmon. She had not known it was there.

The pursuing Indians were closing the gap behind her when Henry Skaggs heard her cries for help, quickly fashioned a

crude raft, and rescued her. Jennie rejoined her husband back in Ab's Valley, where they lived another decade before venturing into the same country where she had been a slave for six months. There, in the Big Sandy Valley, they established another home. This time the Indians left them alone.

A NEW FACTORY FOR MT. STERLING

MT. STERLING, Ky.—Giffin Manufacturing Company of Carlisle has signed a lease for a portion of the building owned by Miss Loda Lawrence on East High street and plans to open a branch plant here within the next three weeks, provided \$5,000 can be raised by local residents to make necessary improvements to the building.

A mass meeting of Mt. Sterling business and professional men was held Wednesday night at the City Hall and teams of solicitors are canvassing the city for funds.

Lonnie Giffin, president of the Carlisle company, which opened there in 1948 and now employs 225 persons with a weekly payroll of \$10,000, told officials here that he planned to start his operation here with 65 employees and increase that number to around 150 within a year. At the beginning the local payroll would be approximately \$10,000 a month.

The Giffin Manufacturing Company makes clothing for children and teen-agers under the registered trade names of Judy Girl and Jim Boy and the Mt. Sterling plant will make these lines of clothes. The company also makes underwear shorts for Cooper and Manhattan at its Carlisle plant.

Mrs. Bessie Smith Buried In Morgan

Mrs. Bessie Coffey Smith, who died Dec. 8 in Rowan county, was buried at Blair's Mills following funeral services at the East End Church of God in Morehead Friday.

Mrs. Smith was born in Rowan county Dec. 23, 1896, daughter of the late Richard and Susan Caudill Coffey.

In 1912 she married Arthur Lykins, who preceded her in death. In 1924 she married Nelson Smith who survives.

She leaves four children by her first marriage: Chester and John W. Lykins, Morehead; Mrs. Lila Wescott, Hamm, Ky.; and Mrs. Lillie Mays, Parriott, O.

There are four surviving children by her second marriage: Mrs. Susan Marie Hanger, Dayton, O.; Mrs. Beulah Fultz, of Springfield, O.; Mrs. Frances Moore, Confluence, Ky.; and Mrs. Pearl Kiser, Indianapolis.

Other immediate survivors are two sisters and four brothers: Mrs. Pearl Coffey and Mrs. Jean Lewis, Johnny Coffey and Frank Coffey, all of Morehead, Noah Coffey, Lexington, and Bill Coffey, Colorado. A brother, Sam Coffey, preceded her in death.

Strawberries Return \$900 From 1/2 Acre

Russell Meade told a committee in Johnson county that he received \$900 from a half-acre of strawberries. He said growers would have little difficulty selling their berries if they were properly graded. A good market exists at Huntington, W. Va., 67 miles from Paintsville, he said.

Fifty thousand plants for spring setting have been ordered by UK County Agent Claude O. Christian. He said more plants would be ordered as farmers indicated their desire to grow strawberries commercially.



Our wish of the
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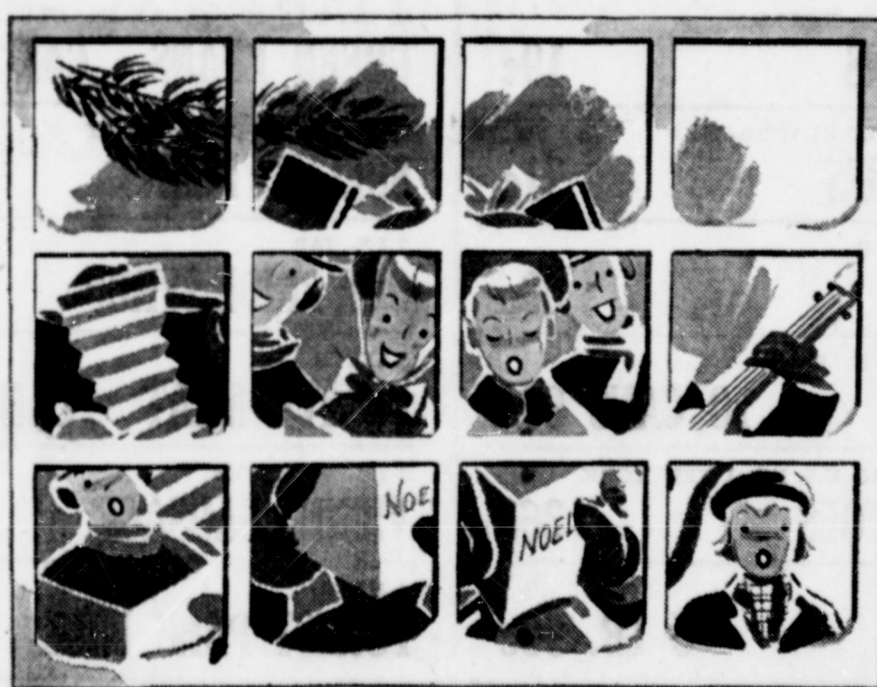
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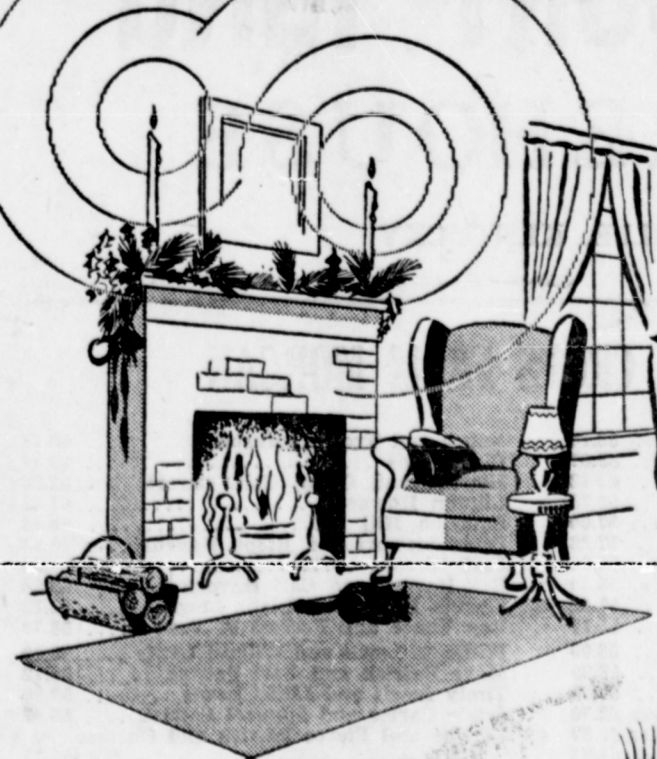
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LEDGERS, Adding machine paper, typewriter ribbons, carbon paper, file folders, etc. for sale at The Courier office. tf

WANTED: Men and women to represent National Concern locally. \$90.00 weekly if qualified. Write stating qualifications to Box 448, Paintsville, Ky. for personal interview. 4-8-tf

OUTBOARD MOTOR—20 H.P. Martin Silver Streak "200." For sale at bargain price. It's new. See Clarence Black or Clay Walton. 10-28-tf

MOLASSES For Sale—\$2 a gallon. See Walter Franklin at circuit clerk's office or Jesse Marion Williams at farm three miles east of West Liberty. 10-14-tf

PIANO BARGAINS—All styles and finishes. For the best piano buy in the Tri-State see Swick's, Ashland, Ky. 10-7-tf

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CLOTHING FOR SALE—Overcoats for men and women, men's coats, dresses priced from 25c to \$2.50. All kinds of clothing. No Sunday sales.—Wheelright Mission, Burg, Ky. 4t

WANTED FOR CASH: Walnut logs delivered Winchester, Kentucky. Highest market price.—George E. Tomlinson Company. 11-25-5t

FOR RENT—Furnished Apartment, downstairs. Henry Perry. 11-25-tf

SPECIAL: 20% superphosphate \$31.00 ton; 4-12-8 or 3-12-12 muriate \$45.00 ton.—H. T. Roberts, Frenchburg, Ky. 11-25-tf

Opportunity for man with car for Raleigh business in North Morgan county. Buy on credit. I'm a nearby Raleigh Dealer. Will help get you started. See F. M. Lawson, Ezel, or write Raleigh's Dept. KYL-400-216, Freeport, Ill. 12-9-3tpd

WANTED any kind of sound hardwood lumber. Highest prices paid. Gullett Lumber Co., Farmers, Ky., Box 7. C & N-12-8-2t

If you want something different to give for Christmas, then buy a box of note paper from the Margaret Stacy Guild. The notepaper sells for \$1.25 per box and is of quality paper with an engraving of the Methodist Church on the front. Also nice for writing Christmas notes and letters. See Mrs. Major Gardner. 12-9-2t

MOLASSES FOR SALE—Good. Made from Williams cane.—See Bev Lewis, Malone, or S. A. Taulbee Store, Malone. 12-9-3tpd



We Greet Our Friends as A New Year is Welcomed

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IN OL' MORGAN

(Continued from page one)

countryside already has been combed minutely by federal, state and county officers, local residents, and visiting Sherlock Holmes.)

CARL BURTON'S 300th WIN

The Dayton Daily News, according to a clipping given the Courier by a West Liberty fan, carried a two-column head in a recent edition to report that when Oakland High of Dayton, Ohio opened its 1954 season with a 64-43 triumph over Celina, it was the 300th win of their coach's career. Oakland's coach is Don C. Burton, native Morgan county and former coach at Cannel City and West Liberty.

Coach Burton is in the 21st year of his coaching career and is making a fine record with his team at Oakland High in Dayton.

READS RATTIE

Mrs. Irma Haney writes from Hodgenville that the following are regular readers of Rattie Mann's news from Korea as reported in the Licking Valley Courier: Mrs. Lee Miller, wife of chairman of board; Edwin R. Harvey, principal at Buffalo; Vernon Stout, minister Christian church; Nancy H. Godin, Director of Pupil Personnel, and Johnnie Edwards, Okeechobee, Fla.

If a friend of mine gave a feast and did not invite me to it, I should not mind a bit; but if a friend of mine had a sorrow, and refused to let me share it with him, I should feel it most bitterly.—Oscar Wilde.

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CLOTHING FOR SALE. Ezel clothing store is open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. It will be closed through the holidays.

FOUR furnished rooms for rent: See Mrs. Amos Day, West Liberty. 12-16-tf

WANTED—Men for local 1500 family Rawleigh business. Many dealers doing \$100 to \$300 or more weekly. Good opportunity to have profitable business of your own. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. KYL-400-L, Freeport, Ill. 1tpd

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S. H. HAVENS, 80 DIES AT GREAR

Samuel Floyd Havens, 80, died at his home at Grear Dec. 12.

Mr. Havens was born at Grear April 29, 1874, a son of Frank and Hannah Gibbs Havens. Funeral was conducted at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Flora Peyton at Grear Tuesday with Rev. Kirby Williams, Rev. Russell Brown and Rev. Berry Peyton officiating, and interment was made in the Ferguson cemetery at Grear under direction of Potter Funeral Home.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Memberann Havens; a daughter, Mrs. Flora Peyton of Grear, and a foster son, Howard Smith of Grear.

Christmas Party Held By Ezel Homemakers

The annual family Christmas party of the Progressive Homemakers was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mays with Mrs. J. D. Mays hostess. The living room was lovely with its Christmas tree and holiday decorations.

A television program was enjoyed after which games were played. Members discovered who their secret Christmas pals were when they exchanged gifts. The men and children were given surprise packages. Members contributed gifts to Crippled Children's Home in Lexington.

Refreshments of fruit cake, punch and coffee were served to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Murphy, Jerry Dale, Mrs. Martha Motley, Mrs. John Rose, Mrs. Harold Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Rowland, Theresa Conrad, Dean and Royetta, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mays, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mays, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jackson and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lacy and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rowland, Ruth, Linda, Glenda and Jimmy, Mrs. J. W. Easterling, Leola Carol and Edwina Del Bowman.

Courier Want Ads Pay!

AMBULANCE CALLS OF POTTER FUNERAL HOME

Mrs. Coiza Helton was removed from the West Liberty Hospital to her home at Wells Hill Dec. 10.

Miss Evelyn Pack was removed from the Paintsville Hospital to her home at Elamton Dec. 11. Claude Whitt was removed from his home near Wrigley to Gullett & Spencer Clinic Dec. 15 and later to the Frenchburg Hospital.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
All taxpayers come in and list your property after Jan. 1 for 1955. We have our assessment approximately at 35%, and the cars and trucks are listed at 35% for next year.

DELLA WILLIAMS
Tax Commissioner
12-16-2t



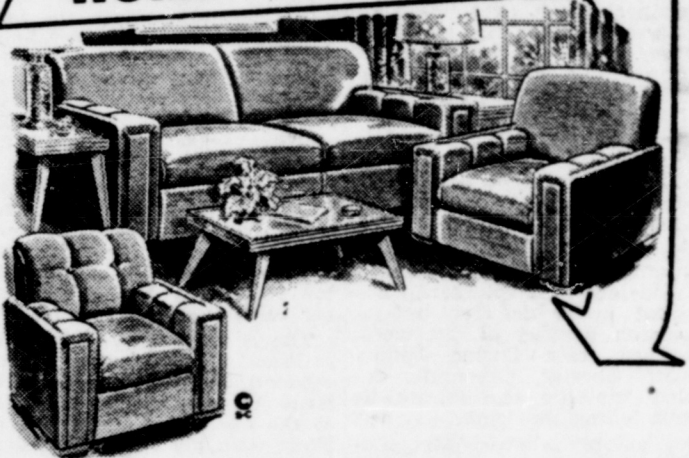
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Walter Gardner and Walter Wilder	62.28	Clinton Howard	61.52
John Wilson and John Reed	57.99	Emerson Hill	60.48
Walter Wilder	57.23	Erma Stewart and Ralph Havens	62.23
Lonnie Thornsberry	58.31	Carl Havens	56.32
Lonnie Smith and Willie Williams	58.09	Rex Havens and Carl Havens	63.88
Barry Hootch and Edison Hill	57.41	Marvin Hasty and Cletis Lewis	62.13
Geoffrey Conley	55.17	Roy Vance and Forrest R. Vance	58.86
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At 2:00 P.M. December 24 a drawing will be held by our grocery and hardware department for the Dinette Set.

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New Dial Phones Replace Old System In Morgan, Elliott, Wolfe

THE OLD TELEPHONE SYSTEM PROVIDED ENTERTAINMENT ALONG WITH SERVICE



MRS. JANE CAUDILL, cashier of Peoples Bank at Sandy Hook, used the old telephone not only for the bank, but to deliver messages to others.

By Bernard E. Whitt

The people of Elliott and Morgan counties have always been closely associated in business, local government and all affairs of transportation and communication.

When the Morehead & North Fork Railroad ran to Redwine, the station at Wrigley was the railroad terminal for most of Elliott county. Both counties are in the same judicial district and the highway from Sandy Hook to West Liberty is only a distance of nineteen miles. Family names are similar and the very finest of relationship exists between the two counties.

Elliott county took the lead in helping to establish the new co-operative telephone system which will soon be in operation.

The old line which extended from West Liberty to Sandy Hook went by way of Redwine and down Wells Creek and Sandy to Sandy Hook, where there were four or five boxes. The new system has dial telephones.

One of the phones was located in the Peoples Bank at Sandy Hook. The bank was organized in 1926 and now has assets of over a million dollars. Mrs. Jane Caudill is cashier. Judge D. B. Caudill, president, Boone Caudill, vice president, Woodrow Thompson, assistant cashier. Directors are D. B. Caudill, Boone Caudill, Henry Wheeler, Dr. Louise Caudill, John Thompson and Jane Caudill.

Anyone would think that as busy as the employees are in a bank, they would not have time to go out on the streets and hunt up people to deliver messages or have them come to the telephone in the bank. Yet that was what happened every day in Sandy Hook for many years.

Mrs. Jane Caudill, cashier, said that during the war, Mrs. Ruth Keck would often drive for miles in the country to deliver a message or get someone to the telephone. Also that others who have a telephone do the same thing.

Mrs. Ruth Keck said that her father, T. T. Mobley lived ten miles from Sandy Hook and about 25 or 30 years ago there were a number of people who

built their own lines and had boxes and they would make their own calls. Her father's call was one long, one short and another long and short. Each box had a different ring. These were written down or memorized. Also that there was a central box where one could call and then would be connected with another person on a different line. She said that sometime they would have a number of young people gather at her home and would play the piano and have music and singing and that they would call up all the parties and have them to listen in.

Rev. Chas. Vansant says he believed in mental telepathy, and gave as proof that one night in 1919 his brother, Cecil Vansant, was at his father's home and said, "I believe I will call up Dr. Rudolph Hunter and get him to play a tune on his fiddle and listen over the telephone." He started to the telephone and it rang their ring before he got to it. He answered and it was Dr. Hunter calling, who said, "I just thought I would call you and play a tune."

Mrs. Hope Hutchinson said that her grandfather, J. P. Clevenger, who was sheriff about 20 years ago, had a telephone at his home on Wells Creek. She said Mrs. Faith Fannin, who now lives in Morehead, was with her one day at her grandfather's and they decided they wanted an entertainment program and they called Horton's Garage at Sandy Hook.

She said Virgil Horton would play the guitar and sing a song over the telephone and then that they would play and sing and he would listen in. One of the songs was "Curly Headed Baby," sung by some one at the garage and they would try to guess who it was singing.

The passing of the old telephone in Elliott will be one of the things only to be remembered in our industrial and highly complex mechanical world where science and machines replace human beings. There may have been mental telepathy, as Rev. Chas. Vansant thinks—or the broadcasting of music over the telephone was the beginning of radio.



Woodrow W. Barber, manager of the three-county co-op, is shown connecting a dial tone quality condenser at the automatic switching station at Campton when phones of the Campton and Hazel Green sub-stations were cut into local service several weeks ago.



Workers of the Power Line Construction Company of Stanton are shown here at work on telephone lines into the rural area near Campton.

By HELEN PRICE STACY
(Reprinted from the Huntington Herald-Advertiser)

Through the years Morgan county, along with countless others, has yielded tradition in favor of progress. Rutted roads for smooth-surfaced ones, horse-drawn wagons for horseless carriages and gas lights for electric ones—all went their way. But it is with a mixture of gladness and sadness that natives replace box telephones with dial phones, phones that may have speed and polish but lack the charm and hospitality of their predecessors.

The changeover from the "box" to the "automatic" will be completed some time this week if plans of the Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative materialize as scheduled, and another colorful era of Morgan county history will be ended. The present telephone system serves chiefly Morgan county, but the new system will embrace the counties of Morgan, Elliott and Wolfe.

The year 1893 saw the first telephone come to Morgan.

Communities were land-locked and villagers looked on the "box" not only as a life-saver in emergencies but as a highly satisfactory means of entertainment.

The first telephone line was built from Morehead, coming up Yocum, past Yocum Falls, across McClannahan Hill, and down Lick Fork to the home of John Perry. Perry paid \$50.00 for his "box," which included installation and all phone service and also made him a stockholder in the company.

About 1900 Cooper sold the company to Wilmore Kendall, a prominent West Liberty resident who had served in county offices and also in the Legislature at Frankfort. At this time West Liberty was a mud town, with log and gravel paths across streets for pedestrians. F. M. Hutchinson was county court clerk, John S. Carter was sheriff, H. M. Cox was circuit court clerk, and W. G. Blair was county judge. The O&K Railroad was being built from Jackson to Cannel City and a railroad was coming up North Fork creek to Wrigley and Redwine. The W. M. Kendall Telephone Company began business in a two-story frame building on Broadway in West Liberty. Kendall's nephew, John McMann operated a hack for him from West

Liberty to the O&K station and it was McMann's daughter Christine who was the first "Central" of the company, though she was a mere child.

The switchboard had 36 drops, and among the early operators were a Miss Brain, who is remembered by many for her beautiful voice, Ella Burns Toliver Caudill, Bertha Caudill Henry, Ada Caraway Cochran, Nancy Phipps Turner, and Effie Belle Blair Duff, Ethel Wheeler, Lexie Carr and Ethel Cox.

By 1907 the line was extended to White Oak and one phone installed there and one at the J. E. Whitt home on up the way at Vance Fork. Whitt's son, Bernard, now a West Liberty educator and newsman, says the phone made their house a mecca for neighbors, some coming for miles to be entertained by taking turns listening in on the party line.

"The telephone was a wonderful thing," stated Bernard, "especially for a shy person. I did some of my first courting long-distance by phone and fell in love with a voice from afar. But while I was talking with the voice, another young man went to see the girl and won."

The year 1916 was hard on the 36 drops of the switchboard and on "Central," for that was the year smallpox and measles epidemics hit West Liberty. Nancy Phipps was at the switchboard, often working at night to take care of the overload of calls that invariably began, "Get a doctor quick!" There was no actual night service, but Phipps worked many nights to take care of calls pertaining to the 99 smallpox patients. She received \$15.00 a month for her services, but there were "extras" like the time she got a call through to California for H. M. Collins, coal operator at Redwine, and he sent her a ten-pound box of candy, or the night she left the movie, "Over the Hill to the Poor House" to put in a call for C. E. Stalker to see how his sick child was and he left her \$10.

NANCY PHIPPS was so close to her work that the switchboard even invaded her dreams. What many considered as supernatural omens, Nancy considered natural occurrences due to her love for her work.

One night she had a horrible dream about a town being destroyed by fire. Next morning when she got to the exchange of-



Campton patrons of the new co-op commenced using their new phones several weeks ago. Many Wolfe countians breathed a sigh of relief as one was installed in the office of one of the town's two physicians—Dr. E. F. Maddox, center. County Judge Chas. W. Murphy is shown at left trying out his new phone. At right is Miss Christine Buchanan, secretary to Circuit Clerk A. B. Kash, using a new dial-type phone.

fice, a drop was down. When she answered, a long-distance operator asked, "Did you hear about the town that burned up last night?"

Mary Jane Cox, who is a present operator, was on duty when news of the armistice in World War I came over the wires. "People grabbed buckets, bells and flags and paraded up and down the streets of town for hours," she said.

The "Dayton" flood of 1913 played havoc with the lines of the telephone company in Morgan county, and in 1927 the "May" flood washed out poles and lines to such extent that new equipment was installed, including a switchboard from the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Co., in Chicago, that had 80 drops.

It was about this time that Verna Williams Lacy, also a present operator, was hired. Verna worked for the exchange at Farmers, Ky. when she was 14, before coming to West Liberty. She, perhaps has heard more heart-breaking news while at the switchboard than all the other operators. She also saw the advent of night phone service come to West Liberty and the county in 1936 when Ruth Brothers contracting company prevailed upon the company to hire a night operator so they could make necessary business calls.

One night in October 1942, Verna's younger son Guy stopped at the exchange as was his habit to tell his mother he was on his way home. He left and after reaching home called his mother and said, "I'm here, Mother, good night." Some time later a call came in and she was told that her house was on fire. She set the fire alarm and rushed from the office, but she knew her son was in the flaming house and that it was too late.

On November 10, 1953, Verna was working the morning shift. Her other son, Bernard, who had been in ill health, was home for a visit. Verna had been at work less than fifteen minutes when she answered a call from her house and heard her young granddaughter cry, "Daddy's shot himself!"

Despite receiving news of the deaths of her two sons while at the switchboard, Verna smiles and says, "A lot of news bringing joy and gladness is heard at the switchboard too."

For the past ten years Edna Wells has been taking care of calls at night, and still has moments of apprehension when one comes through at 2:00 a.m., for she figures it is an emergency of some sort and, as with the other operators, she knows almost every customer personally.

Mary Jane Cox was on duty when she answered the call that told of the death of Buford Wells, company manager, about two years ago. Wells had been trying to work, though plagued with illness for some time, and worry about his condition caused him to take his life.

Four operators—Mary Jane Cox, Verna Lacy, Edna Wells and Mrs. Ed Dennis—now take care of the calls. "We have been supplying more than 350 customers the past few years. When the automatic system is put in operation, no "Central" will be needed to take care of the 1,325 customers. This, they say, will mean greater speed on calls, more efficient service. But if we dial the number we want and do not get an answer to our call, there will be no operator there in the middle to tell us our party does not answer because "your mother is at the Missionary Society" or "I just saw them go up the street."

Recently we called the residence of Woodrow Barber, manager of the Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative, to check the information for this article and a news story. The operator who was on duty then, did what no automatic dial system ever could do. When we got no answer, she

told us, "If it's Mabel you want, she's at the Circle meeting, and if it's Woodrow, he's at the ball game—call later."

It is hospitable service like this that makes folks a bit reluctant to give up their old-fashioned box on the wall for a dial telephone, though they readily agree it is a great step forward in the county's progress.

MIDDLETOWN, O.
(By Clella Stamper)

Dec. 12—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Oney and family of West Virginia and Mrs. Edward Holbrook of White Oak were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Arnett and family Thanksgiving.

The writer spent last week end with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owens and family of Milltown, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carter attended church at Maud Sunday.

My son, Major R. M. Stamper and wife and two daughters were dinner guests at my home Tuesday. He had a 10 day leave. He is stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. after having been stationed in Yokohama, Japan three years. They returned to Georgia Friday.

STACY FORK

(By Jessie E. Stacy)

Dec. 13—Joe, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Gevedon, submitted to a tonsilectomy last week in a Lexington hospital and was brought home Saturday.

Hester Barker and son Ronald of Middletown, Ohio were recent Sunday night visitors in the home of Buford Gullett.

Chalmers Stacy, Billy Joe and Larry of Dayton, Ohio spent last week end here with relatives.

Lenville Haney and son Kenneth of Franklin, Ohio visited his mother, Mrs. Anna Haney and Clarence recently.

Earlie Wages attended a ball game at West Liberty Friday.

Ledford Stacy and son Ronald and a brother-in-law of Lexington spent Friday night at the home of Chester Stacy. Ledford visited briefly in the home of W. M. Stacy Saturday.

James Hoskins and family of Louisville visited relatives here last week end.

Chas. Brown purchased a car last week.

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REXVILLE, Ky., Dec. 13—(By Cora Stamper)—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Havens of Dayton, O. and Mrs. Ella Stamper of this place left Tuesday for Florida where they expect to spend the next four months. The three of them with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Nickell of Wellman, Iowa spent a few weeks in Florida last winter. Mr. and Mrs. Havens liked Florida so well they purchased their own property there.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson who have been in Middletown, Ohio, where Mr. Wilson was employed, returned to their farm here a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Chaney at Lexington one day last week. Mr. Chaney has been taking treatments for his ears and is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hollon moved recently into two rooms of Mrs. Ella Stamper's house.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Long of Ezel moved a few weeks ago into the tenant house of Paris Stamper.

Misses Eunice and Janis Gevedon visited Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Chaney and Corine Chaney over the week end.

A pig chain is helping 4-H club members in Webster county begin registered Hampshire herds.

Nine 4-H club members in Simpson county sold pickles for \$1,485.

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EBON

(By Elsie Richard)

Dec. 12—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Patrick are rejoicing over the arrival of a new baby girl born Wednesday at Frenchburg hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGuire and Mr. and Mrs. Linzie Lawson had business in West Liberty Saturday.

Arnold Richard and Junior Goodpaster took a load of tobacco to market Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Patrick

purchased a car this week, also Howard Patrick.

Bill and Sam Patrick had business in Frenchburg recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Rainey and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Heber Trusty of Artville Saturday.

Elmer Mays and Tom Fannin were in Mt. Sterling with their tobacco this week.

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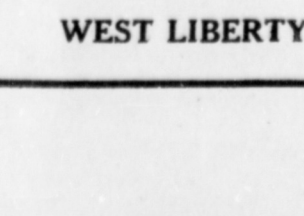
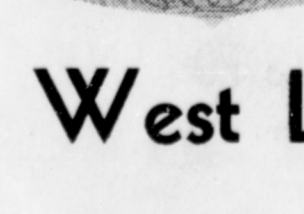
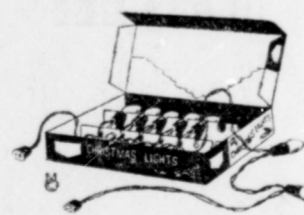
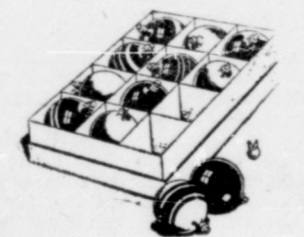
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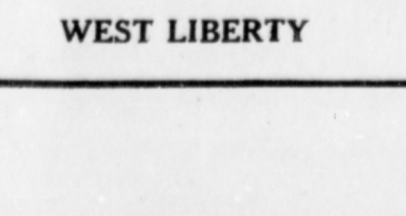
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(By Minnie Rowland)

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trimble, of Red Bush, spent the week end with Mrs. Trimble's father, Grover Burchett and family of this place.

Miss Lela Jane Dulin of this place and Harold Holbrook of Ohio were quietly married at the brides home Monday. Rev. John Dulin officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bozie Dulin, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vencil Holbrook. The writer wishes them a long and happy life.

Buford Burchett who is working at Mt. Vernon, Ohio was at home over the week end.

Claude Rowland, teacher at Crockett had business in Elliott county Saturday.

Enoch McKenzie, of West Liberty visited his sister Mrs. J. D. Rowland who has been sick for some time.

John Elliott Hill who is working at Ashland spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lendie Hill.

W. E. Fyffe have moved in to his house vacated by Rev. Mahalon Horst and his son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Parnell Ferguson moved into the house vacated by the Fyffes.

Mrs. Bruce Hill and Little daughter spent from Tuesday until Thursday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tonzie Cantrell. W. E. Fyffe was calling on Mrs. Bernice Green Saturday and Sunday.

Six farmers in Casey county produced over 2,000 pounds of tobacco an acre, despite the unfavorable season.

Homemakers clubs in Madison are providing first-aid kits for all grade schools in the county.

WARD SAYS SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 14—Recommendations that operation of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service on the present basis be abandoned were assailed here today by Henry Ward, Kentucky Commissioner of Conservation.

Ward said he has learned that a sub-committee of the President's Commission on Intergovernmental Relations has recommended that the present national policy of practically 100 percent financial support of the Soil Conservation Service by the federal government be abandoned, and that a grant-in-aid program be substituted for it.

Under that idea, state governments would be required to match federal grants for the Service, Ward said.

"I construe this suggestion as another in a series of efforts to destroy or seriously hamper the program of the Soil Conservation Service," he stated. "The U. S. Congress in 1935 recognized that there were valid arguments for the federal government to assume responsibility for a program designed to arrest further depletion of the soil because of its importance as a national resource. Great forward strides have been made in the development of that program. Today 87 percent of the farms and ranches of the United States are included in Soil Conservation Districts, which have programs designed to halt soil erosion, to control damages from water on the land, and to restore wasted land.

"Here in Kentucky, we now have all 120 counties in Soil Conservation Districts, having finally achieved that goal this year," Ward continued.

"The Soil Conservation Service is expending approximately \$1,340,000 in Kentucky annually. There are no state funds available to assume half of that program, and with Kentucky's needs for the future being what they are there are no prospects for

raising \$670,000 or more to match federal funds.

"I personally see no reason why the federal government should change its policy of accepting the preservation and restoring of the soil as a national responsibility," Ward declared.

"Members of the Kentucky delegation in Congress are being asked to be on the alert against the proposed abandonment of the federal program, and it is my hope that they will stand firm in behalf of the present arrangement."

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HUNTING NEWS

Mrs. Richard Brown of Wrigley had a letter from her brother G. M. Ellington of 601 Bromo Ct. S.E., Canton, Ohio, telling about a deer hunt in West Virginia. Mr. Ellington wrote they went to the top of the Alleghany Mountain and the only way they could get up the mountain was in a jeep with 4-wheel drive and

chains on all four wheels. Then it took them two hours, and the was half knee deep. There he got his deer, and thinks he will have enough venison to take him through the winter, though, as Mr. Ellington states, "I have a big appetite for a 75-year-old."

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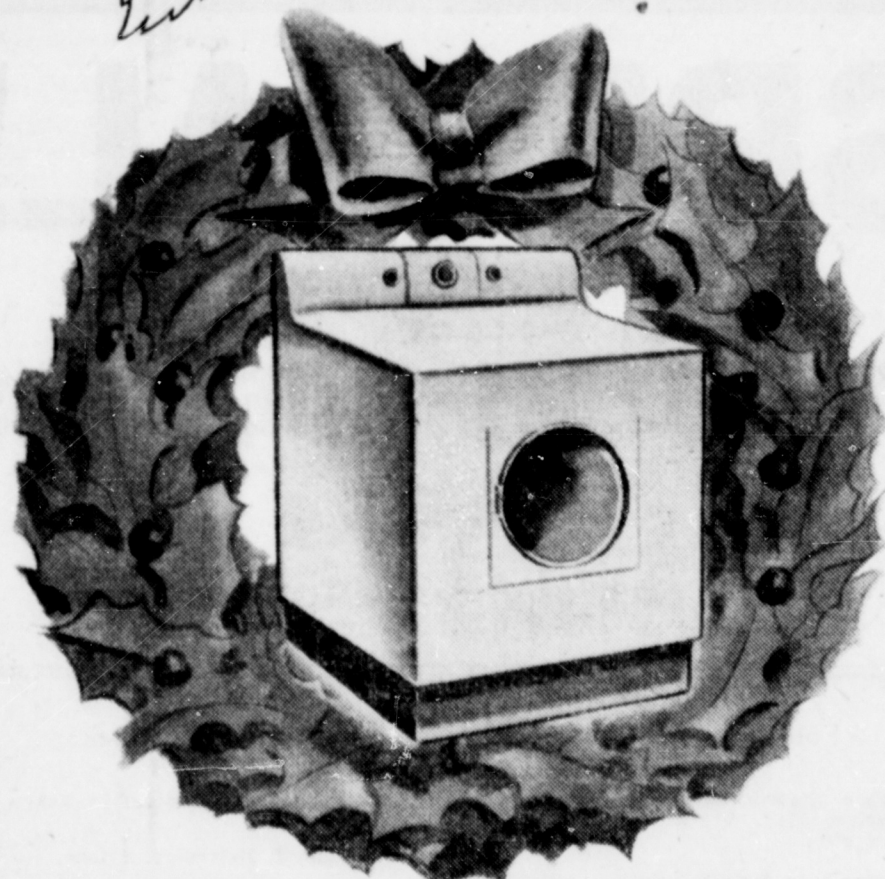
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1952 Chev. 4 dr. Dlx., R & H, 32,000 miles, one owner	1195	895
1951 Ford 2 dr. blue color, R & H, nice	995	795
1951 Ford 2 dr., light blue, R & H, one owner, 31,000 miles	995	795
1950 Ford 5 Pass. Coupe, black, heater, like new	795	595
1950 Chev. 4 dr. Dlx., black, R & H, clean inside & out	895	695
1950 Chev. 4 dr. Dlx., maroon, R & H, '53 Chev. motor, good	695	595
1950 Dodge Coupe, new paint, R & H, nice	795	595
1950 Buick, 2 dr., special, new tires, R & H, new overhauled motor	795	595
1949 Chev. 2 dr. Fleetline, R & H, new tires, good transportation	595	400
1948 Ford 2 dr. Sedan, R & H, green, V8, good	495	395
1948 Chrysler Conv., Runs good, R & H, good shape	395	250
1947 Buick Super Conv., R & H, a black beauty	395	250
1947 Chev. 2 dr. Fleetline, new tires, new paint, runs perfect	495	395
1947 Chev. 4 dr., new motor, R & H, good transportation	495	395
1946 Chev. 2 dr. Fleetline, R & H, nice	295	195
1946 Ford 5 Pass. Coupe, V8, good body		195
1941 Nash 5 Pass. Coupe, new tires, runs good		100
1933 Plymouth 4 dr. Sedan		65
1941 Chev. 5 Pass. Coupe		100

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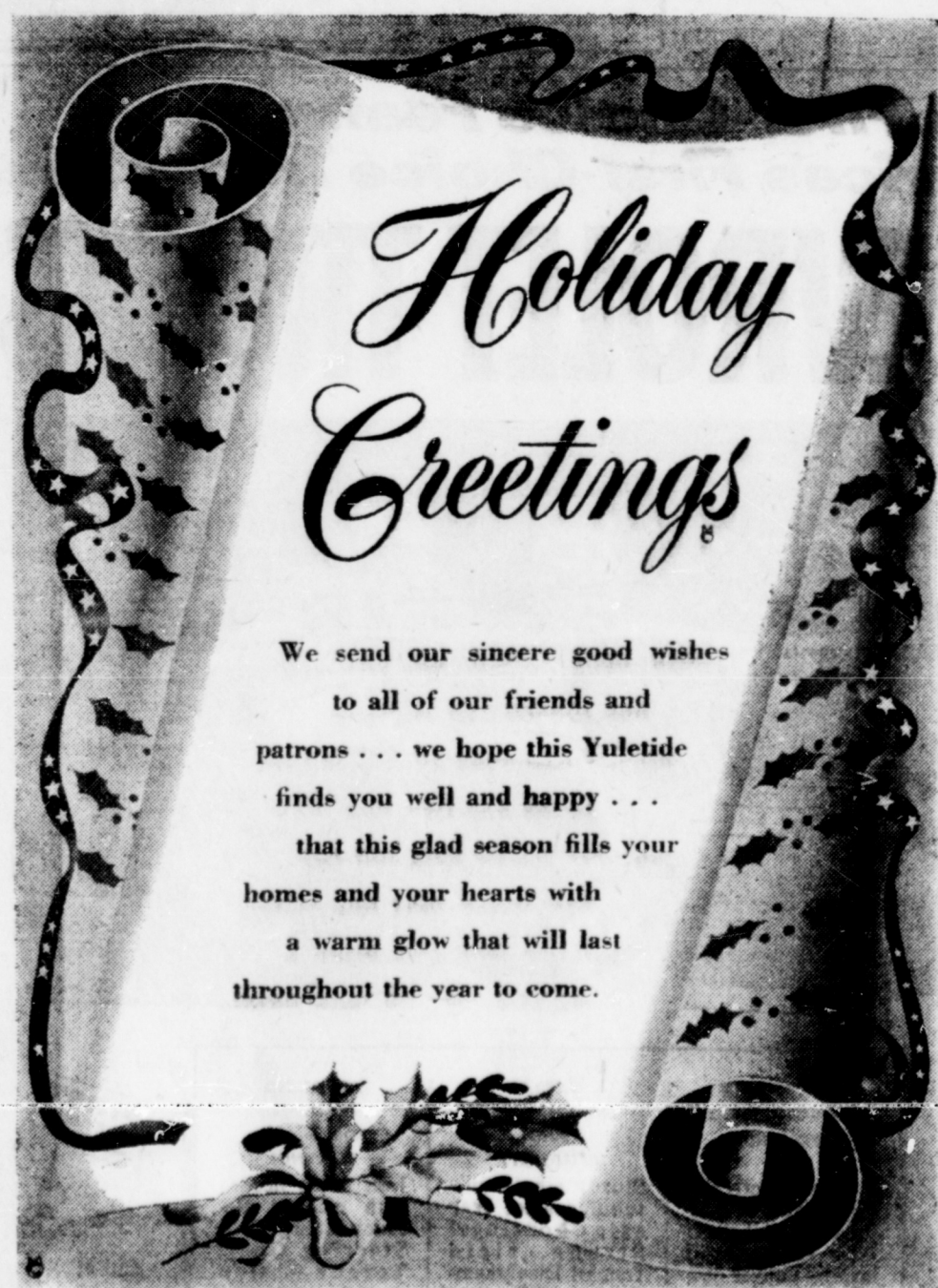
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1954 Chev. 1/2 ton, heater, one owner, 16,000 miles, blue	1395	1095
1953 Chev. 1 1/2 ton, C & C, one owner, 26,000 miles, nice	1595	1295
1952 Chev. 3/4 ton, new tires, heater, rear bumper, radio	995	795
1952 1/2 ton, heater, green, one owner, same as new	1095	895
1952 Chev. 1/2 ton, rear bumper, heater, one owner, low miles	995	795
1951 Chev. 1/2 ton, Dlx. cab, new tires, R & H, rear bumper	895	695
1951 Ford 1/2 ton, new tires, one owner, low miles, heater	895	695
1951 Chev. 1/2 ton, 27,000 miles, blue, heater, new tires	895	695
1950 Chev. 1/2 ton, one owner, heater, new tires, 35,000 miles	795	595
1950 Ford 1/2 ton, 29,000 miles, new tires, like new	795	650
1950 Chev. 1 1/2 ton, with flat & racks, green, new tires		695
1949 Dodge 3/4 ton, with racks, heater, rear bumper		495
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WOODSBEND—

BIRD DOG TRAINER HUNTS IN MORGAN

WOODSBEND, Ky.—(By Eve May)—D. M. Henry and son, John Forest of Muncie, Indiana, are spending a few days in this county bird hunting. They are accompanied by 11 bird dogs. John Forest is a professional trainer of bird dogs.

Det. and Mrs. J. E. Combs and Bill Ed of Hindman were Thursday night guests of Byron May and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Kemplin were Christmas shopping in Lexington and Louisville Monday.

Shirley Perry of Blaze is visiting a few days with her sister, Mrs. Asa Kemplin.

Mrs. L. P. May has recovered from a severe cold and was able to be out to church and Sunday school.

Mrs. J. S. Roberson is on the sick list.

A group of young people from Kentucky Mountain Bible Institute conducted services at this place Sunday.

Woodbend school children will present a Christmas program Friday and Sunday. School will recess for two weeks, beginning Dec. 17.

Eddie Blair of Menifee county has moved his saw mill to the Bascom Elam farm near Liberty Road.

Rain, sleet and snow have brought hazardous roads and cars are sliding around on the highway here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richardson, Billy Kemplin, Scott May and Vondall Sheets of Dayton, Ohio were here this week end.

BLAZE

(By Mrs. Lennil Lewis)

Dec. 12—Lennil Lewis called last week on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mervil Lewis and family at Morehead.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cassity and daughter Violet were calling last week on his father, J. W. Cassity of Wrigley.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lewis of Yocum spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sexton and family.

Those in West Liberty Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hunt, Mrs. Abraham Sexton and son, Mrs. Lennil Lewis and Mrs. Tina Lewis.

BEST FOR HOME POPPING! JOLLY TIME POP CORN

Mr. and Mrs. Evyn Earl Patrick and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lennil Lewis and Recil Lewis were calling one day last week on Mr. and Mrs. Willard Lewis and family of Yocum.

Edward Law and daughter of Morehead were in Ashland one day last week.

FROM KOREA TO JAPAN

HAKATA, Japan—Army Cpl. Emerson Fyffe, 21, son of Isaac S. Fyffe, Crockett, Ky., recently left Korea with the 24th Infantry

Division, which has been assigned to Hakata, Japan.

The "Victory" division has been in the Far East since World War II.

Corporal Fyffe, a driver in the 24th Medical Battalion, entered the Army in June 1953 and completed basic training at Camp Pickett, Va.

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